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# Swampscott Massachusetts



Theophilus Brackett invented the Swampscott Dory in 1841.

## Annual Town Report

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005





**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THIRD  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**

**SWAMPSCOTT  
MASSACHUSETTS**

For the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Swampscott was incorporated as a town on May 21, 1852**

<b>Situated:</b>	About 15 miles northeast of Boston
<b>Population:</b>	State Census 2000 – 14,412. Persons of all ages are counted every year in Town Census.
<b>Area:</b>	3.05 square miles
<b>Assessed Valuation:</b>	\$2,431,281,053
<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$11.29 Residential and Open Space \$20.87 Commercial and Industrial \$20.87 Personal
<b>Form of Government:</b>	Representative Town Meeting (Accepted May 17, 1927. First Town Meeting, February 27, 1928)
<b>Governing Body:</b>	Board of Selectmen Elihu Thomson Administration Building 22 Monument Avenue Swampscott, Massachusetts 01907
<b>Governor:</b>	Mitt Romney
<b>Attorney General:</b>	Thomas Reilly
<b>Secretary of the Commonwealth:</b>	William Francis Galvin
<b>State Legislative Body:</b>	Representing Swampscott: Senator Thomas Magee of Lynn (1 <sup>st</sup> Essex District) Representative Douglas Petersen (8 <sup>th</sup> Essex District)
<b>United States Congress:</b>	Senator Edward Kennedy Senator John Kerry Representative John Tierney (6 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District)
<b>Governor's Council:</b>	Mary-Ellen Manning (5 <sup>th</sup> District)
<b>Qualifications of Voters:</b>	Must be 18 years, born in the United States or fully naturalized in accordance with the provisions in Ch. 587, Acts of 1972 and Ch. 853, Acts of 1973. There is no resident duration requirement for "who is a resident in the city or town where he claims the right to vote at the time he registers" may register.
<b>Registration:</b>	Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These hours are subject to change. Special hours are help preceding and election.
<b>Where to Vote:</b>	Precincts 1 and 2 – Clarke School, Norfolk Avenue Precincts 3 and 4 – First Congregational, Monument Avenue Precincts 5 and 6 – Swampscott High School, Forest Avenue
<b>Tax Bills:</b>	Property Taxes are assessed on a fiscal year basis, which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Payments are due quarterly on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS - 2005**

### **Moderator**

Martin Goldman 2005

### **Board of Selectmen**

Dan Santanello, Chair 2005  
Reid J. Cassidy, Vice Chair 2005  
Marc R. Paster 2007  
William R. Hyde, Sr. 2006  
Charles D. Baker 2007

### **Board of Assessors**

Neil G. Sheehan, III, Chair 2007  
John V. Phelan 2006  
Vera Harrington 2008

### **School Committee**

Philip Rotner, Chair 2006  
Mary H. DeChillo 2007  
Dan Yaeger 2005  
Shelley Sackett 2005  
Paula Bonazzoli 2007

### **Trustees of the Public Library**

Carl Reardon 2005  
John Karwowski 2006  
Joanne Vanderburg 2007

### **Board of Health**

Lawrence Block, MD, Chair 2007  
Nelson Kessler 2006  
Martha Pitman, MD 2005

### **Planning Board**

Eugene Barden 2008  
Jeffrey Blonder 2007  
Veeder Nellis 2006  
John V. Phelan, III 2005  
Jill Sullivan 2009

### **Housing Authority**

Albert DiLisio 2006  
James Hughes 2009  
Barbara Eldridge 2005  
Patricia Krippendorf 2008

### **Constables**

Carl Reardon 2007  
Paul Minsky 2007  
Stephen Simmons 2007

# **APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**

(Appointments effective FY 2005)

<b>Town Administrator</b>		<b>Director of Emergency Management</b>	
Andrew Maylor	(10/2007)	Bruce Gordon	(2005)
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>		<b>Assistant Engineer</b>	
Maureen Gilhooley	(2005)	Edward Wagner <i>appt 6/7/04</i>	(2005)
<b>Town Accountant</b>		<b>Fence Viewers</b>	
David Castellarin	(1/2006)	Marc Paster	(2005)
<b>Assistant Accountant</b>		Joseph Latronica	(2005)
Linda D'Ambrosio	(2005)	Andrew Maylor	(2005)
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>		<b>Forest Warden</b>	
Richman Cassidy	(2005)	Laurence J. Galante	(2005)
<b>Inspector of Buildings &amp; Inspector of Smoke</b>		<b>Graves Officer</b>	
Joseph Latronica	(2005)	John Dipetro	(2005)
<b>Local Inspector</b>		<b>Assistant Graves Officer</b>	
Kathleen Magee	(2005)	Robert B. Vernava	(2005)
<b>Burial Agent</b>		<b>Harbormaster</b>	
Hugh J. Schultz	(2005)	Lawrence P. Bithell	
<b>Clerk/Collector</b>		<i>Permanent Appointment 7/1/98</i>	
Jack L. Paster (res 12/31/04)	(12/31/2004)	<b>Assistant Harbormasters</b>	
<b>Constables to Post Warrants &amp; Other Similar Work</b>		William F. Hennessey	(2005)
Paul Minsky	(2005)	Roger P. Bruley	(2005)
Stephen Simmons	(2005)	Harris Tibbetts (resigned)	(2005)
		Don Petersen	(2005)
<b>Town Counsel</b>		<b>Keeper of the Lockup</b>	
Leonard Kopelman, Esquire	(2005)	Ronald J. Madigan	(2005)
<b>Assistant Town Counsel</b>		<b>Network Specialist</b>	
Marc Miller, Esquire	(2005)	Michael Donovan	(2005)
<b>Senior Building Custodian</b>		<b>Personnel Manager</b>	
Brian Cawley	(2005)	Nancy Lord	(2005)
<b>Junior Custodian</b>		<b>Purchasing Agent</b>	
John J. Gliha	(2005)	Sheryl Levenson	(2005)
<b>Assistant Shellfish Constable</b>		<b>Shellfish Constable</b>	
Joseph C. Cardillo	(2005)	Lawrence P. Bithell	(2005)
<b>Treasurer</b>		<b>Assistant Veteran's Agent</b>	
Denise M. Demboski	(2005)	John Stinson	(2005)
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>		<b>Weights &amp; Measures Inspector</b>	
Elise Van Zoest	(2005)	Frances Corcoran	
<b>Tree Warden</b>		<b>Wire Inspector</b>	
Gene Gardiner	(2005)	Daniel C. Cahill	(2005)
<b>Veterans' Service Agent</b>		<b>Assistant Wire Inspectors</b>	
Hugh J. Schultz	(2005)	Gordon Lyons	(2005)
<b>Director of Public Health</b>		Ronald Marks	(2005)
Jeff Vaughan	(2005)	<b>Director of Public Works</b>	
<b>Public Health Nurse</b>		Gino Cresta	(2005)
June Blake, RN	(2005)	<b>Asistant Town Clerks</b>	
		Brenda Corso	(2005)
		Marcia Willis	(2005)

In accordance with the Town Charter, all appointments made by the Board of Selectmen with the exception of the Town Administrator, are based upon the recommendation of the Town Administrator.

**COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**  
(Appointments effective in FY 2005)

**ADA Oversight Committee**

Andrew W. Maylor 2005

**Affirmative Action Committee**

Reid J. Cassidy 2005

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Peter Spellios 2008

Edward Breed 2007

Harry Pass 2005

Dan Doherty 2006

Damon Seligson 2009

**Associate Members**

Adnrew Rose 2006

Donald Hause 2007

**Conservation Commission**

Nelson Kessler, Co-Chair 2006

Geralyn Falco, Co-Chair 2006

Mark Mahoney 2007

Joseph Crimmins, Esquire 2007

Thomas Ruskin 2007

Peter McCarriston 2008

Robert Salter 2007

**Council on Aging**

Mary Abramson, Chair 2007

Estelle Epstein 2008

Mary Cobbett 2007

Felice Litman 2007

Susan Fisher 2005

Bea Breitstein 2008

Marion Stone 2008

Arlene Rosen 2006

Deborah Giovannucci 2008

**Cultural Council**

Jill Soucy 2006

Agatha Morrell 2006

**Design Selection Committee**

John Phelan, III 2007

Louis Modini 2007

John Coletti 2007

**Earth Removal Advisory Committee**

Joseph Capone 2007

William Maher 2008

Jacob Lee 2006

Dan Dandreo(Non Voting) 2006

Laurence Galante(Non Voting) 2005

Milton Fistel(Non Voting) 2006

Eugene Barden(Planning Bd. Appt.) 2005

Nelson Kessler(Board of Health Appt.) 2006

Joseph Crimmins(ConCom Appt.) 2006

**Board of Election Commissioners**

Linda Thompson, Chair (resigned) 2006

Sue Burgess 2005

Edward Golden (resigned) 2008

Paul DeBole 2006

Margaret Somer 2005

**Harbor Advisory Committee**

Michael Gambale, Chair 2005

Lawrence Bithell 2005

Peter McCarriston 2005

William Hennessey 2005

Paul DeBole 2005

Mark Mahoney 2005

**Historical Commission**

Silvia Belkin 2006

Douglas Maitland 2005

Mary Doane Cassidy 2007

Jean Reardon 2006

Brian Best 2008

Sheila Leahy 2006

Angela Ippolito 2007

Lou Gallo (Assoc. Member) 2007

David Callahan(Emeritus for Life)

**Board of Public Works**

Lawrence Picariello 2005

Robert Ward (resigned) 2005

Milton Fistel 2005

**Rails to Trails**

Marc Barden 2005

William Ryan 2005

Patricia Horwitz 2005

Fred Dexter 2005

Dave Whelan (resigned) 2005



## COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

(Appointments effective in FY 2005)

### Recreation Commission

Paul Gorman	2007
Andrew Holmes	2008
Eve Gambale	2009
John Hughes, Jr.	2007
Mary Ellen Fletcher	2008
Leslie Kiely	2008
Mark Bagnell (resigned)	2005

### Safety/Security Committee

Laurence Galante	2005
Joe Latronica	2005
Ronald Madigan	2005

### Sailing Committee

David Bishop	6/2004
Steve Eckman	6/2004

### Technology Committee

Mike Donovan	2005
Herb Belkin	2005
Kevin Breen	2005
Jeff Goldsetin	2005
Peter McNerney	2005
Tom Reid	2005
Neila Straub	2005
Roberto Villanueva	2005

### Veterans' Affairs Committee

Jim Schultz	2005
John Stinson	2005
John DiPietro	2005
William Wollerscheid	2005

### War Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joseph Balsama	2007
Jim Schultz	2007
Thomas White	2007
Eileen Ventresca	2008
James Lilly	2007

Jean Reardon	2007
Barbara Eldridge	200

### Swampscott School Building Com.

Dana Anderson
Charlie Baker
Kevin Breen
Vinnie Camerlengo
Steve Fox
Joe Markarian
Chris Mauriello
Nick Mennino
Patricia Shanahan
Andrew Maylor

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## **REPRESENTATIVES, LIAISONS, DESIGNEES, COORDINATORS**

### **Clean Air & Oil Spill Coordinator**

Bruce Gordon, Emergency Management Director

### **Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Jeff Vaughan, Health Director

### **Labor Service Coordinator**

Nancy Lord, Personnel Manager

### **Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Representative**

Joseph Balsama

### **Mass. Water Resources Authority Representative**

Gino Cresta, Director of Public Works

### **Metropolitan Area Planning Council & North Shore Task Force Representative**

Brian Watson

### **Nat'l Organization on Disability Liaison & Handicap Coordinator**

Andrew W. Maylor, Town Administrator

Nancy Lord, Personnel Manager, ADA Coord.

### **Right to Know Law Coordinator**

Andrew W. Maylor, Town Administrator

### **Mass. Bays Program Representative**

Andrew W. Maylor, Town Administrator

### **North Shore Regional Vocational School District Representative**

Mary Regan Marrs

### **Winter Planning Coordinator**

Gino Cresta, Director of Public Works

## **APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR**

### **Capital Improvement Committee**

Mounzer Aylouche	Chair
Jack Fischer	
Nelson Kessler	
Lawrence Picariello	
Kaja Savasta	

### **Finance Committee**

David Bowen	Chair	2005
Cynthia McNerney	Co-Vice Chair	2007
Mary Regan Marrs		2006
Robert Jolly	Co-Vice Chair	2005
Scott Burke		2006
Joe Markarian		2006
Deborah Fox		2007
Thomas Dawley		2005

## **APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND MODERATOR**

### **Personnel Board**

Elise Van Zoest (2007)  
Mike Tumulty Resigned  
Peter C. McCarriston (2008)  
David Van Dam (2008)  
Debbie Freidlander (2006)  
Nancy Lord, Ex-Officio

## **APPOINTED BY THE MASS. EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

### **Emergency Planning Committee**

Dan Santanello, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
Ronald J. Madigan, Chief, Police Department  
Laurence J. Galante, Chief, Fire Department (Retired 1/02/05)  
Richard Carmody, Chief, Fire Department  
Nelson Kessler, Chair, Conservation Commission  
Bruce Gordon, Emergency Management Director  
Gino Cresta, Director of Public Works  
Jeff Vaughan, Director of Public Health

## **APPOINTED BY PROBATE COURT**

### **Roland Jackson Medical Scholarship Committee**

Reverend Dean Pederson  
Dr. Matthew Malone  
Dr. Peter M. Barker

## **APPOINTED BY THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD AND SELECTMEN AND ELECTED BY THE TOWN EMPLOYEES**

### **Contributory Retirement Board**

John Kiely, Chair, Appointed by the Retirement Board (2006)  
Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr., Appointed by the Board of Selectmen (2005)  
John Behen, Employee Representative (2005)  
Fran Delano, Employee Representative (2007)  
David Castellarin, Ex-Officio, Town Accountant

## **APPOINTED OR ELECTED BY ORGANIZATIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES AFFECTED**

### **Group Insurance Advisory Committee**

Police Department Representative - John Behen  
Fire Department Representative - Bill Hyde, Jr.  
Library Representatives - Dorothy Forman, Izzy Abrahms & Maureen McCarthy  
School Representative - Ken Rideout  
Town Hall Representative - Sheryl Levenson  
Non Union Employee Representative - Peter McCarristan  
Public Works & Custodians Representative - Carl Reardon

### **Union Presidents**

Police Department - Tom Stephens  
Fire Department - John Chaisson  
Library Representatives - Dorothy Forman, Izzy Abrahms & Maureen McCarthy  
School Custodians & Cafeteria Workers - Carl Reardon, Union President  
School Secretaries - Linda O'Keefe  
Public Works - Mike Collins  
Town Hall Clerical - Sheryl Levenson

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Margaret Somer  
Jeffrey Blonder  
Mary Regan Marrs\*  
Ted Patrikis

**Chairman**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

Edythe Baker\*  
Robert Baker\*  
Herbert Belkin  
Paula Bonnazoli  
Reid Cassidy  
Mary DeChillo  
Barbara Devereaux  
Ralph DiPesa  
Lenore Frenkel  
Rich Frenkel  
Nanette Fridman  
Ed Golden  
Fran Golden  
Collette Green  
John Green  
Kurt Halbert  
Anthony Hart  
Richard Huber  
Nancy Kaufman  
Sheila Kearney  
John Maloney  
Chris Mauriello  
John Moynihan  
Mark Mulgay  
Dan Munnely  
Marc Paster  
John Phelan  
Burt Rosenthal  
Bill Shanahan  
Carole Shutzer  
Jim Smith\*  
William Sneierson  
Brian Watson  
Gary Young  
Mona Young

### **Associate Members**

Dan Diannant  
Ed Kallman  
Rep. Doug Petersen  
David Richmond  
Marcia Richmond  
Alex Smullin  
Gerdy Weiss  
Barbara Whalen

\* denotes Lifetime Member

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Robert Perry  
Michele Perry  
Linda Thompson  
Frank Perry

**Chairman**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

Charles Baker  
Sam Barr  
John Brockelman  
Joy E. Butters  
John Butters  
Bryan Butters  
Bruce Chesley  
Paul Debole  
Connie Goudreau  
Jane Inglis  
Jeanne Leger  
Francis Mancini  
Kevin McGrath  
Marriane McGrath  
Paul Minsky  
Arthur Palleschi  
Edward Palleschi  
Frank Perry, Sr.  
Frank Perry, Jr.  
Frank Perry III  
Michele Perry  
Robert Perry  
Marilyn Perry  
Joseph Sinatra  
Beverly Sinatra  
Alexander Tennant  
John Thompson, Jr.  
Linda Thompson  
Donald Warnock, Jr.  
Mary Susan Winthrow  
Robert Winthrow  
Mike Wood

**Associate Member**  
Joyce Bargoot



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

During Fiscal 2005 the Town of Swampscott emerged from an intense debate and discussion regarding the design of government and the need to replace and repair aging school buildings and other aged infrastructure. This venture was undertaken with a renewed sense of purpose, operating successfully under the provisions of the Town Charter, with a dedicated and professional staff who are determined to continue focusing on improving the delivery of services to residents and business owners.

In August 2004, Mr. John Sullivan from the Solimine, Landergan & Rhodes Funeral Home appeared before the Selectmen with Mr. Dave DeFelippo of Woodlawn Memorials to offer their services to clean and restore the World War II monument on Monument Avenue. The Town graciously accepted their offer and the work was completed within weeks. Also in August, Campbell Associates of Beverly was awarded contracts for renovations at Town Hall and the Fish House.

On October 12, 2004 Fire Chief Larry Galante informed the Board of Selectmen of his intention to retire in December 2004 after 33 years of exemplary service to the Town. The Fisherman's Beach Clean-Up as part of Massachusetts Coastsweep was held on Sunday October 24, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

In December of 2004 the Town Administrator informed the Board of his plans to recommend a reorganization of certain offices to improve service delivery to residents. The reorganization would eliminate the current combined Collector/Clerk position when the incumbent's term expired and replace it with separate Town Treasurer and Town Clerk's positions.

On January 18, 2005 Shannon Larson and Dave Gendell, representatives of National Grid, attended the Selectmen's meeting to express the Utility's position regarding a proposed rail-trail on a former rail bed now used by the utility. Ms. Larson stated that unless 100 percent of the abutters to the proposed rail-trail agreed not to oppose the trail, then National Grid would oppose the use of the property for that purpose.

On March 1, 2005 the Selectmen reviewed, and adopted without modification, the Fiscal 2006 Budget submitted by the Town Administrator. The budget consisted of total anticipated expenditures of \$43.2 million and represented a decrease of \$427,636 or 1.0% from Fiscal 2005. The proposed budget reduced significantly the reliance on on-time revenue from \$2.3 million in Fiscal 2005 to \$400,000 in Fiscal 2006. The budget included significant decreases in discretionary spending from Fiscal 2005, including a reduction in the non-school workforce of more than 10%.

In April 2004 the Selectmen heard from Finance Committee Chairman, Dave Bowen, regarding their recommendation for a proposed Proposition 2 ½ override. The Selectmen voted to place a "menu" style override on the ballot on June 14, 2005. After much discussion the Selectmen decided to place two amounts on the ballot for the school department, the requested amount of \$2,750,000 and \$1,750,000 as recommended by the Finance Committee. In addition, there were nine other questions added to the election warrant for non-school departments totaling more than \$500,000. The Board voted at their organizational meeting in April to appoint Reid Cassidy as Board Chair and Marc Paster as Vice Chair.

In May 2005 the Town Administrator updated the Board on discussions with the representatives from Temple Israel regarding the possible purchase of three parcels of land located on Humphrey and Atlantic Streets owned by the congregation. The Town Administrator explained that there were several articles on the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant that would facilitate the purchase of the property including the formation of a committee to study the acquisition. On May 16, 2005 the Selectmen voted affirmatively based upon the recommendation

of the Town Administrator to form a Renewable Energy Committee. The committee would pursue funding to study the feasibility of constructing wind turbines in the Town of Swampscott that would generate cost effective and renewable energy.

On June 7, 2005 the Town Administrator recommended the appointment of Swampscott resident Danielle Strauss as the Town's first Recreation Director. At the same meeting the Town Administrator accepted on behalf of the Town the annual Preservation and Restoration Award for improvements made to the Swampscott Fish House.

The Board and the Town Administrator would like to take this opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to all those individuals who have taken time away from their families and friends to serve on the many committees, commissions and boards that provide a positive future for the Town. The Board and the Town Administrator are grateful for the depth of skill and experiences that each individual brings to these committees. We would also like to recognize Administrative Assistant, Maureen Gilhooley for her continued devotion to serving the public and assisting the Town Administrator and the Board.

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve the Town as members of the Board of Selectmen and we appreciate the opportunity you have given each of us to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Reid Cassidy, Chairman  
Marc R. Paster, Vice Chairman  
Charles D. Baker  
William Hyde, Sr.  
Daniel R. Santanello



## TOWN CLERK

### Official Statistics

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Marriage Intentions Filed and Licenses Issued	53
Marriages Recorded	53
Births Recorded	141
Deaths Recorded	181

Russell Patten was appointed as the new Town Clerk of Swampscott and began work on March 2, 2005. Connie Hayes assumed duties under the Town Clerk's Office as well as in the Office of the Election Commission.

The Town Clerk would like to express his most sincere thanks to the many elected and appointed officials, employees and residents who have helped to make the transitions and changes in this department efficient and pleasant.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – March 29, 2005**

### **Return of Service**

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Administration Building, at the Post Office and at least two public and conspicuous places in each precinct in the Town, and at or in the immediate vicinity of the Swampscott Rail Station. Said posting was done on March 10, 2005 and not less than fourteen (14) days before the date appointed for said meeting.

Attest: Paul Minsky  
Constable of Swampscott

### **Mailing of Warrants**

The Warrant for the Special Town Meeting was mailed to Town Meeting Representatives on March 8, 2005. Copies of the warrant were made available, free of charge, for any interested person at the Town Administration Building.

### **Notice of Special Town Meeting**

To the Town Meeting members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article I, §2, of the Bylaws of the Town of Swampscott that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Swampscott Middle School on Greenwood Avenue. Moderator Martin C. Goldman will preside.

Russell Patten  
Town Clerk

### **Meeting Certifications**

I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting of March 29, 2005 was held in the auditorium of the Swampscott Middle School on Greenwood Avenue and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with a clear quorum present. I further certify that the meeting was dissolved at 9:30 p.m. on March 29, 2005.

### **Attendance**

Attendance for this Special Town Meeting will be found at the end of this report.

## Action Under the Articles

### ARTICLE ONE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund additional costs of the design and development of the new high school project at Essex Street, and ball fields and tennis courts at Forest Avenue in accordance with the plans and specifications dated January 26, 2005 and December 22, 2004 respectively, and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow such funds under M.G.L. C.44, or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee be authorized to apply for, contract for, receive and expend any federal, state or other aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes under this vote and that the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and/or the Town Administrator be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the School Building Committee

David Bowen made a motion that the town vote to appropriate \$6,217,000 for the purposes set forth in this article, including bonding as necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Voted Article One. That this Article be approved.  
Unanimous Vote.

### ARTICLE TWO

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for additional costs of ball field lighting, kitchen equipment, storage buildings, bleachers, walkways to the bleachers, scoreboards, public address systems and other miscellaneous improvements as part of the Forest Avenue construction project, as set forth in plans and specifications dated December 22, 2004, and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow such funds under M.G.L. C.44, or any other enabling authority, and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee be authorized to apply for and/or contract for and/or receive and expend any federal, state or other aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes under this vote and the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and/or the Town Administrator be authorized to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the School Building Committee

Voted Article Two. That this Article be indefinitely postponed.  
Unanimous Vote.

### ARTICLE THREE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the expansion of the new high school gymnasium and the construction of a senior center as part of the high school project at Essex Street in accordance with plans and specifications identified as Bid Alternate 1 on bid documents dated January 26, 2005, and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow such funds under M.G.L.C.44, or any other enabling authority, and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee be authorized to apply for and/or contract for and/or receive and expend any federal, state or other aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes under this vote and that the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and/or the Town Administrator be authorized to take any other actions necessary to carry out this project, provided, however, that the appropriation and borrowing authorized under this article shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2<sup>1/2</sup> debt exclusion referendum question in accordance with G.L. C.59, §21C(k); and provided further that no amounts may be borrowed under the authority of this vote until the Town has received written evidence that the high school project has been placed upon The Commonwealth of Massachusetts School Building Authority Priority List, so called, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the School Building Committee

David Bowen made a motion to appropriate \$2,120,000 for the purposes set forth in this Article, including bonding as necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Voted Article Three. That this Article be approved.  
Unanimous Vote.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding the construction of additional improvements to the new high school project at Essex Street identified as Bid Alternates Nos. 2 through 8 on bid documents dated January 26, 2005, and for cost incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow such funds under M.G.L. C.44, and any other enabling authority, and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the School Committee be authorized to apply for and/or contract for and/or receive and expend any federal, state or other aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes under this vote and that the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and/or the Town Administrator be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that the appropriation and borrowing authorized under this article shall be contingent upon the vote under Article 3 becoming effective, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the School Building Committee

Voted Article Four. That this Article be indefinitely postponed.  
Unanimous Vote.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$560,266 to improve the Town's water system and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$560,266 under M.G.L. C. 44, or any other enabling authority; and the Board of Selectmen and/or the Board of Public Works be authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state or MWRA aid available for the project, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator to submit, on behalf of the Town, any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States under any state and/or federal programs to receive and accept such grants or reimbursement for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote and that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator be authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, or take any action relative thereto.  
Sponsored by the Director of Public Works

Voted Article Five. That this Article be approved.  
Unanimous Vote.



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	
NAME	29-Mar-05
PRECINT 1	
Alpert, Julius H.	
Baldacci, Richard R.	x
Batchelder, Kathleen	x
Bates, Wallace T.	x
Birchmore, Sally	
Bitman, Bernard	
Blonder, Cindy M.	x
Blonder, Jeffrey S.	x
Brenner, Lawrence	
Buchanan, Susan	x
Caron, Mark	x
Chouinard, Conrad L.	x
Chouinard, Madeline	x
Cresta, Gino A. Jr.	x
Cropley, John H. Jr.	x
Dandreo, Robert	
Dandreo, William	
Dorgan, Denise	x
Feinberg, Helen I.	
Finlay, Patricia	x
Genest, Lee Bartlett	x
Harrington, Vera C.	x
Hartmann, Eric	x
Healey, Mary Doherty	
Healey, Thomas J. III	x
Hyde, Sally A.	x
Hyde, William R.	x
Johnson, Maryalice	x
Kaloust, Gerald J.	
Kaloust, Roberta A.	
Kearney, Sheila	x
Kessler, Nelson	x
Legere, Arthur J.	x
Lombard, James G.	x
Maher, William M.	x
Maitland, Susan	x
Marrs, Mary Regan	x
Montague, Neil	x
Patrikis, Theodore A.	x
Perry, Robert E.	
Picariello, John A.	x
Picariello, Lawrence	x
Ralph, Jennifer	
Rizzo, Carole	x
Rizzo, John F.	
Shannon, Cynthia	x
Shapiro, Barbara R.	
Speranza, Frances M.	
Speranza-Hartmann, Marianne	x
Washburn, Ken	x
Whittier, Douglas	x

PRECINT 2	
Bacik, Lisa A. Carrigan	x
Barden, Eugene	x
Booras, Peter J.	
Bowen, David	x
Brown, Mary Lisa	x
Cameron, Janell A.	x
Carey, George	
Carey, Lisa	
Cassidy, Timothy P.	x
Collins, Diane	x
Curry, Martha	x
Doherty, Daniel E.	x
Doherty, John J.	x
Dunn, Judith F.	x
Dunn, Larry A.	x
Gioiosa, Kellie	x
Hamel, Gregg	
Hebert, Donald	x
Hebert, Janet	x
Huber, Carol	x
Huber, Richard	x
Hunt, John	
Hunt, Stephen R.	x
Jackson, Lorene	x
Jackson, William	x
Laband, Andrew	x
LaConte, Louise M.	
LaConte, Vincent A.	
Lyons, Wendy A.	x
Marcou, Martha L.	x
Morrell, Agatha	x
Murphy, Brian C.	x
Myette, Robert J.	
Newhall, Linda A.	x
Newhall, Walter	x
Palleschi, Edward A.	
Palleschi, Sheila	
Pinkerton, Don	x
Pitman, Michael	
Ramstine, Patricia Karamas	x
Reardon, Ellen M.	x
Richmond, David E.	
Romano, John L.	x
Rubin, Debra	x
Ruggiero, John	x
Ryan, Leah	x
Schultz, Jackson	x
Scibelli, Anthony A.	x
Shanahan, Joseph E. Jr.	x
Strauss, Danielle	x
Strauss, Mathew	x
Sullivan, Brian	x
Taverna, Joseph	x
Whelan, David	x



PRECINT 3

Bennett, Ralph E. II	x
Boggs, Deborah A.	x
Breen, Kevin	x
Breen, Leslie A.	x
Campbell, Michael S.	x
Cardenas, Patricia	x
Cassidy, John R.	x
Coletti, John M.	x
Cormier, Kathleen	x
Dandreo, Daniel J. III	
Donaher, Karen	x
Donaher, Kevin	x
Driscoll, Anne	x
Eldridge, Barbara F.	
Fox, Deborah	x
Gay, Donna	x
Golden, Edward	
Hayes, Paul E.	x
Hitchcock, Sarah P.	
Holmes, Betty Dean	x
Jolly, Linda J.	x
Jolly, Robert V. Jr.	x
Kelleher, Martha G.	
Kelly, Nancy	x
Kenney, Stephen	x
Lawlor, James C.	x
Ledbury, Lisa J.	x
Legere, Donald R. Jr.	x
Lincoln, Loring B. Jr.	x
Lincoln, Maria F.	x
Luke, Gerald	x
Magee, Kathleen	x
Marvosh, Smilia	x
McIntosh, Richard T.	
Meister, Bunny Young	x
Moltz, Sandra	x
Mulgay, Mark H.	x
Patriarca, Michael	x
Perry, Gerard D.	x
Pilotte, Denis A.	x
Richard, Dianne M.	x
Sachs-Freeman, Barbara	x
Sainato, Maryann	x
Sheehan, Neil G.	x
Thomsen, Maureen	x
Vogel, John M.	x
Vogel, Kristen S.	x
Weaver, David S.	x
Webster, Mary	
Welch, Thomas F.	x
White-DePaolo, Jan	x
Wright, Suzanne	x
Zeman, Cynthia	x

PRECINCT 4

Anderson, Dana	
Baker, Janet N.	x
Balliro, Anita	
Balsama, Joseph J.	x
Barden, Marc	x
Bonazzoli, Paula M.	x
Brown, Andrew	x
Brown, Rachel	
Cassidy, Marilyn T.	x
Ciarametaro, Daniel	
Cunningham, Kelly	x
Dawley, Thomas	x
DeChillo, Mary H.	x
DiMento, Carol A.G.	
DiMento, William R.	x
Donelan, Robert E.	
Donnenfeld, Neil D.	x
Drummond, Brian J.	x
Drummond, Ellen M.	x
Duffy, Pauline	
Falco, Michael	x
Foley, Phyllis Serafini	x
Goldman, Iris	x
Goudreau, Connie	x
Hall, David S.	
Hughes, Nancy T.	x
Johnson, Anne M.	x
Johnson, Paul W.	
Keeter, Terri	x
Krippendorf, Edward W. Sr.	x
Leger, Jeanne	x
McClung, Michael D.	x
Mcenaney, John T.	x
McNemey, Cynthia	x
Meninno, Christine	x
Morretti, Nunzio	x
Moynihan, John	x
O'Brien, Laurie	
Paster, Glenn P.	
Paster, Jack L.	
Phelan, John V. III	x
Poska, Matthew P.	x
Powell, Amy	x
Reagan, John	x
Santanello, Daniel	x
Scolamiero, Dennis M.	x
Shanahan, Patricia D.	x
Shanahan, William E.	x
Somer, Margaret	x
Stone, Myron S.	x
Vaucher, Catherine M.	x
Walsh, Kary LK	x
Withrow, Marysusan Buckley	x

PRECINCT 5

Akim, Marta	
Belhumeur, Cynthia Hatch	
Belhumeur, Thomas R.	x
Brooks, Gerald A.	x
Burke, Scott Douglas	x
Caplan, Edward	
Carangelo, Lisa	x
Carr, Heather M.	
Cerra, Anthony W. Jr.	x
Chapman, Randy	x
Connolly, Loretta	x
Devlin, Michael K.	x
Forman, Amy	x
Gamer, Ronald L.	x
Goldsmith, Alice	x
Graham, David	x
Jancsy, John F.	x
Karowski, John R.	x
Keller, Ellen Long	x
Lawler, John	x
Lawler, Sami	x
Levy, Eric S.	
Lewis, Susan E.	x
Lipson, Philip D.	x
Nellis, Veeder C.	
Patkin, Randall	x
Potash, Leola	
Pye, Darlene	x
Reardon, Carl	
Reichert, Leslie E.	x
Rodenstein, Claudia	x
Rogers, Roberta C.	x
Rossmann, Neil	x
Rubin, Kenneth A.	x
Rubino, Stephen M.	x
Samilijan, Peter	
Sneirson, Gerald	x
Spartos, Mary Anne	x
Steinman, Roy H.	x
Stephens, Thomas J.	x
Sullivan, Jill	x
Talkov, Roger	
Toner, Colleen	
Tripolsky, Sharon Jaffe	x
Van Dam, David S.	x
Vanderburg, Linso	x
Weiner, Lawrence J.	
Wilson, Catherine E.	x
Winston, Alice Jane	x
Zarinsky, Irma	x
Zeller, David E.	x
Zeller, Virginia	x
Zuchero, William R.	

PRECINCT 6

Baker, Robert	x
Beemann, Jack M.	x
Belkin, Sylvia B.	x
Block, Ina-Lee	x
Block, Lawrence S.	x
Burke, Michael F.	x
Cassidy, Reid J.	x
Cassidy-Driscoll, Tara L.	x
Dembowski, Claire C.	x
Driscoll, Thomas H. Jr.	x
Drucas, Chris	
Erlach, Norman	x
Friedlander, Debbie	
Gold, Anne W.	x
Goldberg, Arthur	
Goldman, Jeffrey W.	x
Goldman, Martin C.	x
Gorman, Paul J.	
Gupta, Mary Kelley	x
Horwitz, Patricia Kravtin	x
Jacobs, Susan	x
Kane, Susan K.	x
Levenson, Paul E.	x
Levenson, Sheryl	x
Locke, Judith E.	x
Markarian, Joseph	x
Merkle, Cynthia	x
O'Hare, Mary Michael	x
Paster, Marc	x
Paster, Ruth	x
Pelletier, Maria	
Pitman, Martha	x
Pollison, Richard P.	x
Pollison, Sharon	x
Rotner, Kim	x
Rotner, Philip	x
Ryan, Daniel H.	x
Sackett, Shelly A.	x
Seligman, Edward	x
Shulkin, Catherine	x
Shulkin, Randall S.	x
Shutzer, Carole B.	x
Shutzer, Kenneth B.	x
Simms, Bobbye Lou	x
Valle, Michele M.	x
Wagner, Elizabeth Swift	x
Walsh, Kerin T.	x
Watson, Brian T.	x
Witt, Sherri L.	x
Yaeger, Dan	x
Yaeger, Lisa L.	x
Yellin, Benjamin	x

**The Town of Swampscott  
Town Warrant  
April 2005**

SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to vote at:

Precinct One	Clarke School	Norfolk Avenue
Precinct Two	Clarke School	Norfolk Avenue
Precinct Three	First Church Congregational	Monument Avenue
Precinct Four	First Church Congregational	Monument Avenue
Precinct Five	Swampscott High School	Forest Avenue
Precinct Six	Swampscott High School	Forest Avenue

on **Tuesday, the twenty-six day of April, 2005**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To choose a Moderator for one (1) year

To choose two (2) members for the Board of Selectmen for three (3) years

To choose one (1) member for the Board of Assessors for three (3) years

To choose two (2) members for the School Committee for three (3) years

To choose one (1) member for the Trustees of the Public Library for three (3) years

To choose one (1) member for the Board of Health for three (3) years

To choose one (1) member for the Planning Board for five (5) years

To choose one (1) member for the Housing Authority for five (5) years

To choose Town Meeting Members in each of the six (6) precincts filling any three (3) year vacant seats with the highest vote getters, filling any two (2) year vacant seats with the next highest vote getters, and filling any one (1) year vacant seats with the next highest vote getters.

**QUESTION**

Shall the Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay the bond issued in order to expand the new high school gymnasium and the construction of a senior center as part of the high school project at Essex Street?

At the close of the election, the meeting will adjourn to Monday, May 16, 2005, at 7:15 p.m. at Swampscott Middle School on Greenwood Avenue, Swampscott.

For results of the 2005 Town Election, please the report of the Election Commission.

## **2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **Return of Service**

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Administration Building, at the Post Office and at least two public and conspicuous places in each precinct in the Town, and at or in the immediate vicinity of the Swampscott Rail Station. Said posting was done on April 28, 2005 and not less than fourteen (14) days before the date appointed for said meeting.

Attest: Paul Minsky  
Constable of Swampscott

### **Mailing of Warrants**

The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was mailed to Town Meeting Representatives on April 28, 2005. Copies of the warrant were made available, free of charge, for any interested person at the Town Administration Building.

### **Notice of Annual Town Meeting**

To the Town Meeting members:

The Annual Town Meeting of 2005 will convene on Tuesday April 26, 2005, with Article One (the Town Election) at 7:00 a.m. in the Town's regular polling places. At 8:00 p.m. the Town Meeting will be adjourned until May 16, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Swampscott Middle School on Greenwood Avenue. Moderator Martin C. Goldman will preside.

### **Notice of Adjourned Town Meeting**

To the Town Meeting members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article I, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Town of Swampscott that the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Swampscott Middle School on Greenwood Avenue. Moderator Martin C. Goldman will preside.

Russell Patten  
Town Clerk

### **Meeting Certifications**

I hereby certify that in accordance with the adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting of April 26, 2005 (the election) the Adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting (business portion) of May 16, 2005 was held in the Swampscott Middle School auditorium on Greenwood Avenue and was called to order at 7:25 p.m. with the necessary quorum present. At 10:10 it was voted to adjourn to Tuesday May 17, 2005.



I hereby certify that in accordance with the adjournment of May 16, 2005 the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 17, 2005 was held in the Swampscott Middle School auditorium on Greenwood Avenue and was called to order at 7:22 p.m. with the necessary quorum present. At 10:18 it was voted to adjourn to Wednesday May 18, 2005.

I hereby certify that in accordance with the adjournment of May 17, 2005 the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of May 18, 2005 was held in the Swampscott Middle School auditorium on Greenwood Avenue and was called to order at 7:27 p.m. with the necessary quorum present.

I hereby certify that the Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 8:35 p.m. on May 18, 2005.

### **Attendance**

Attendance for the Annual Town Meeting will be found at the end of this report

### **Town Meeting Action**

The Return of Service was read by Town Clerk, Russell Patten who then administered the Oath of Office to the Town Meeting members.

Moderator Martin C. Goldman recognized those Town Meeting Members who were serving for the first time.

A prayer was offered as an invocation.

### **Action Under the Articles**

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officials, Boards and Committees.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

A report from Jill Sullivan of the Planning Board.

A report from Richard Smith of the Humphrey Street Study Committee.

A report from Geri Falco of the Open Space Committee.

A report from Selectman Dan Santanello regarding the schedule and funding of the Fourth of July activities.

A report from Paul Yasi regarding a plan to construct an ice rink.

A report by Marc Barden of the Rails to Trails Committee.

A "State of the Town" report by Andrew Maylor, Town Administrator



ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer unexpended balances as shown on the books of the Town Accountant as of June 30, 2004, to the Surplus Revenue Accounts, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 3. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from various Town accounts which have monies remaining therein to such other Town accounts which reflect a deficit, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 4. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account of the Town to the account of Current Revenue a sum of money to be used and applied by the Board of Assessors in the reduction of the tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 5. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the following projects, or take any action relative thereto.

No.	Purpose	Requested	Recommended
<b>School Department</b>			
06-01	Design Services for conversion of SHS to SMS	\$100,000	\$100,000
06-02	Safety & Security for School Buildings	\$120,000	\$120,000
06-03	Year 1 of 3 Year Cycle –Copier replacement	\$36,000	\$36,000
06-04	Extraordinary Textbook Replacement Program	\$73,000	\$73,000
06-05	Instructional Technology & Equipment	\$192,650	\$192,650
06-06	Windows at Clarke and Stanley – Phase 3	\$150,000	\$150,000
06-07	Furniture	\$50,000	\$50,000
06-08	Univents and Heating Upgrades various schls.	\$75,000	\$75,000
06-09	Roof & Gutter Replacement and Repair	\$25,000	\$25,000
06-10	Bituminous Repairs to Schools Parking Lots	\$50,000	\$50,000
06-11	Elec., Plum., and Heating Service Repairs	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Department of Public Works</b>			
06-12	Jet/vac combination truck	\$220,000	\$220,000
06-13	Sewer Repair Design	\$100,000	\$100,000
06-14	Equipment-GMC Chassis sander, infield mach.	\$80,000	\$80,000
06-15	Playground and Open Space Improvements	\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Library</b>			
06-16	Replace Carpeting on Main Floor	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Police Department</b>			
06-17	Upgrade Communication Equipment	\$44,632	\$44,632
<b>Harbormaster</b>			
06-18	Purchase and Equip new Boat	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Recreation</b>			
06-19	Expansion and Renovation of Field House	\$177,000	\$177,000
<b>Town Administrator</b>			
06-20	Renovations to the Elihu Thomson Building	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Total funds		<b>\$2,908,282</b>	<b>\$2,908,282</b>

Each numbered item will be considered a separate appropriation. The budgeted amount may be spent only for the stated purpose.

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Unanimous Vote.**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the following projects, or take any action relative thereto.

No.	Purpose	Requested	Recommended
<b>School Department</b>			
06-21	Motorize Bleachers	\$25,000	
06-22	Waterproof and Repoint Brick Phase 3 M.S.	\$100,000	
06-23	Asbestos Tile Removal and Floor Replacement	\$100,000	
06-24	Exterior/Interior Finish Upgrades	\$100,000	
06-25	Stair and Glass Block Repairs Stanley	\$100,000	
06-26	Stanley Cupola	\$150,000	
<b>Department of Public Works</b>			
06-27	Re-pave Roads at Cemetery	\$30,000	
<b>Council On Aging</b>			
06-28	Purchase Van	\$45,499	
<b>Fire Department</b>			
06-29	Purchase Fire Pump	\$400,000	
<b>Emergency Management</b>			
06-30	Communications Equipment	\$35,000	
<b>Town Administrator</b>			
06-31	Improvements and Renovations Police Station	\$750,000	
		<b>\$1,835,499</b>	

Each numbered item will be considered a separate appropriation. The budgeted amount may be spent only for the stated purpose.

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Voted Article 7. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$580,000, originally borrowed for the replacement of water meters, which amount is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was initially borrowed, to pay, at the direction of the Selectmen, costs of making further improvements to the Forest Avenue ball fields, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 8. That this article be approved.**

### Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Council on Aging Revolving Account as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws, said account to be under the direction of the Council on Aging and used for the deposit of receipts collected through public donations; and further to allow the Council on Aging to expend funds not to exceed \$25,000 for fiscal year 2006 from said account for ongoing supplies and equipment. This would be contingent upon an annual report from the Council on Aging to the Town on the total receipts and expenditures of the Account each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 9. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Recycling – Blue Bins Revolving Account as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws, said account to be under the direction of the Health Department and used for the deposit of receipts collected through the sale of recycling bins; and further to allow the Health Department to expend funds not to exceed \$10,000 for fiscal year 2006 from said account for ongoing supplies and equipment. This would be contingent upon an annual report from the Health Department to the Town on the total receipts and expenditures of the Account each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 10. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a Recreation Revolving Account as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws, said account to be under the direction of the Town Administrator and used for the deposit of receipts collected through user fees of recreation programs the Town Administrator to expend funds not to exceed \$25,000 for fiscal year 2006 from said account for ongoing supplies, salaries and equipment. This would be contingent upon an annual report from the Recreation Department to the Town on the total receipts and expenditures of the Account each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 11. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Job Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel Board Bylaws, as it applies to those positions not covered by collective bargaining agreements, and appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, as recommended by the Personnel Board, or take any action relative thereto. The proposed modified classification schedule can be found in Appendix A.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 12. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**



ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Board Bylaws, other than wage and salary classification, as recommended by the Personnel Board, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 13. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Board Bylaws so as to reclassify certain existing positions, as recommended by the Personnel Board, or take any action relative thereto. The proposed modified classification schedule can be found in Appendix A.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 14. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds necessary, by borrowing or otherwise, to implement the collective bargaining agreements between the Board of Selectmen and the various unions under the Board of Selectmen for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 15. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the funds necessary, by borrowing or otherwise, to implement the collective bargaining agreements between the School Department personnel and the Town, which includes, but is not limited to, teachers, school administrators, custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical and non-union employees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the School Committee

**Voted Article 16. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to repair, construct or reconstruct streets, together with all necessary work incidental thereto, including engineering, in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under General Laws, Chapter 90 or otherwise; and to transfer for this purpose any unexpended balance of appropriations voted for this purpose at prior Town Meetings, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Director of Public Works

**Voted Article 17. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 18. To act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2006 budget and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds money for the operation of the Town's Departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Committee

**Voted Article 18. That this article be approved and that the following amounts (as shown on the Financial Statement which follows) be appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter itemized. Each numbered item is to be considered a separate appropriation. The budgeted amount (\$44,633,965) may be spent only for the stated purpose. Majority Vote.**



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
FY2006 OPERATING BUDGET and 2005 TM ARTICLES REPORT

Line Item	Identification	Voted: Appropriation	From: Tax Rate	From: Avail. Funds	Enterprise Fund	From: Bonding
1	Finance Committee - Expenses	\$ 200	\$ 200			
2	Selectmen - Expenses	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,200			
3	Town Administrator - Salaries	\$ 140,719	\$ 140,719			
4	Expenses	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750			
5	Law Dept. - Town Counsel Contract Expense	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000			
6	Parking Ticket Clerk - Salaries	\$ -				
7	Supplies	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000			
8	Workers' Compensation - Total Budget	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000			
9	Personnel - Total Budget	\$ 32,408	\$ 32,408			
10	Accounting Department - Total Salaries	\$ 117,852	\$ 117,852			
11	Uncompensated Balances	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000			
12	Total Expenses	\$ 21,380	\$ 21,380			
13	Technology Dept. - Network Specialist	\$ 46,350	\$ 46,350			
14	Expenses	\$ 75,850	\$ 75,850			
15	Treasurer/Collector - Total Salaries	\$ 178,717	\$ 178,717			
16	Total Expenses	\$ 42,390	\$ 42,390			
17	Town Clerk - Total Salaries	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000			
18	Town Postage Account *moved to Treas.	\$ -				
19	Total Expenses	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500			
20	Election Commission - Total Salaries	\$ 41,817	\$ 41,817			
21	Total Expenses	\$ 9,137	\$ 9,137			
22	Assessors - Total Salaries	\$ 131,795	\$ 131,795			
23	Total Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000			
24	Outside Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000			
25	Zoning Board of Appeals - Secretary	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,985			
26	Expenses	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700			
27	Planning Board - Town Planner	\$ -				
28	Planning Board - Expenses	\$ 940	\$ 940			
29	Contributory Retirement - Pension Cont.	\$ 2,435,056	\$ 2,435,056			
30	Non-Contributory Retirement - Pen. Contrib.	\$ 197,000	\$ 197,000			
31	Police Department - Salary Subtotal	\$ 2,453,568	\$ 2,453,568			
32	Total Expenses	\$ 132,408	\$ 132,408			
33	Police Vehicles	\$ -				
34	Animal Control Officer - Officer's Salary	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			
35	Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
36	Boarding Animals/Pound/Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
37	Fire Department - Salaries	\$ 2,317,897	\$ 2,317,897			
38	Total Expenses	\$ 84,400	\$ 84,400			
39	Protective Clothing	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000			
40	Lynn Dispatch/Mutual Aid	\$ 66,800	\$ 66,800			
41	Training	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000			
42	Harbormaster - Salary	\$ 6,832	\$ 6,832			
43	Expenses	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700			
44	Emergency Management - Director	\$ 1,384	\$ 1,384			
45	Expenses	\$ 2,970	\$ 2,970			
46	Weights and Measures - Salary	\$ 6,212	\$ 6,212			
47	Expenses	\$ 505	\$ 505			
48	Constable - Salary	\$ 100	\$ 100			
49	Building Inspector - Total Salaries	\$ 144,369	\$ 144,369			
50	Expenses	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,100			
51	Conservation Commission - Expenses	\$ 720	\$ 720			
52	Insurance - Total Budget	\$ 4,075,000	\$ 4,075,000			
53	Health Department - Total Salaries	\$ 113,531	\$ 113,531			
54	Total Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500			
55	Inspections and Tests	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300			
56	Tests/State Charges	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400			
57	Rubbish and Recyclables Collections	\$ 832,900	\$ 832,900			

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Line Item	Identification	Voted: Appropriation	From: Tax Rate	From: Avail. Funds	Enterprise Fund	From: Bonds
58	Public Works - Total Salaries	\$ 433,368	\$ 433,368			
59	Expenses Subtotal	\$ 143,700	\$ 143,700			
60	Snow and Ice	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000			
61	Highway Maintenance (Includes \$ for Ch. 497 wk and repairs to private roads)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000			
		\$ -				
62	Total Salaries - Sewer	\$ 399,769	\$ -		\$ 399,769.00	
63	Expenses Subtotal	\$ 810,100	\$ -		\$ 810,100.00	
64	Sewer System Maintenance	\$ -				
65	Indirect Expenses Subtotal	\$ 454,681	\$ -		\$ 454,681.00	
66	Water - Total Salaries	\$ 340,535	\$ -		\$ 340,535.00	
67	Expenses Subtotal	\$ 1,637,120	\$ -		\$ 1,637,120.00	
68	Water System Improvements	\$ -				
69	Indirect Expenses Subtotal	\$ 938,570	\$ -		\$ 938,570.00	
70	Total Salaries - Buildings and Grounds	\$ 141,326	\$ 141,326		\$ -	
71	Total Expenses - Building and Grounds	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000			
72	Total Budget - D.P.W. Special Accounts	\$ 128,000	\$ 128,000			
73	Recreation - Total Salaries	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000			
74	Total Expenses	\$ 8,770	\$ 8,770			
75	Council on Aging - Total Salaries	\$ 70,262	\$ 70,262			
76	Part-time position	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500			
77	Expenses	\$ 15,394	\$ 15,394			
78	Veterans' Services - Director's Salary	\$ 9,308	\$ 9,308			
79	Total Expenses	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200			
80	Assistance	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800			
81	Total Budget Non-Sewer Debt Service	\$ 1,811,805	\$ 1,811,805			
82	Total Budget Sewer Debt Service	\$ 1,098,855	\$ 1,098,855			
83	Library - Salaries	\$ 377,080	\$ 377,080			
84	Total Expenses	\$ 33,800	\$ 33,800			
85	Library Materials	\$ 107,991	\$ 107,991			
86	Unclassified - Town Reports	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500			
87	Telephones - (most depts.)	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500			
88	Street Lighting	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000			
89	Reserve Fund	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000			
90	Audit	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000			
91	Historical Commission	\$ 800	\$ 800			
92	Medicare Tax	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000			
	Unemployment	\$ 170,500	\$ 170,500			
93	Ambulance Service	\$ -				
94	Schools - Regional Vocational School	\$ 136,000	\$ 136,000			
95	Net Budget	\$ 20,193,389	\$ 20,193,389			
98	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
99		\$ 44,633,965	\$ 40,053,190	\$ -	\$ 4,580,775	\$
100	Identification			\$ -		

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Line Item		Voted: Appropriation	From: Tax Rate	From: Avail. Funds	Enterprise Fund	From: Bonding
A-6	Capital Improvement Projects - 20 projects	2,120,000	\$ -			\$ 2,120,0
A-8	Transfer to School Project	580,000		\$ 580,000		
A-19	Transfer to Current Revenue	-				
	From Assessors' Overlay Surplus	315,000		\$ 315,000		
A-25	Eminent Domain	1	\$ 1			
A-29	Transfer to Current Revenue	-				
	Water Retained Earnings	100,000		\$ 100,000		
A-30	Transfer to Current Revenue	-				
	Sewer Retained Earnings	100,000		\$ 100,000		
A-33	Temple Purchase	500,000				\$ 500,0
	Transfer to offset FY 2004 budget	453,762		\$ 453,762		
		-				
	<b>SPECIAL TM 3-29-2005</b>	-				
STM-1	High School Project	6,217,000				\$ 6,217,0
STM-3	Senior Center/Field House	2,120,000				\$ 2,120,0
STM-5	MWRA Grant/Loan	560,266				\$ 560,2
	<b>SPECIAL TM 9-26-2005</b>					
STM-2	Temple Purchase	3,250,477		\$ 1,969,477		\$ 1,281,0
		-				
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET AND ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$ 60,950,471</b>	<b>\$ 40,053,191</b>	<b>\$ 3,518,239</b>	<b>\$ 4,580,775</b>	<b>\$ 12,798,2</b>



ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will transfer \$315,000 from the Assessor's Overlay Surplus Account of the Town to the account of Current Revenue to be used and applied by the Board of Assessors in the reduction of the tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.  
Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Voted Article 19. That this article be approved.**  
**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 32 Section 20(6)(a), which allows the elected and appointed members of the Swampscott Retirement Board to receive an annual stipend for the administration and oversight of the Swampscott Retirement System, or take any action relative thereto.  
Sponsored by the Swampscott Retirement Board

**Voted Article 20. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**  
**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to express its preference that toilet facilities be made available at all major sites of sporting events while inter-mural events are being held. Such facilities can include portable toilets, or existing facilities that will be open during such events. For purposes of this article, major sites include the High School, Philips Park, Jackson Park, and any other venue that regularly hosts visitors from other towns and cities.  
Sponsored by Richard Frenkel, et al.

**Voted Article 21. That this article be approved.**  
**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 22. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the salaries of elected Town Officials for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.  
Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 22. That this article be approved.**  
**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Swampscott Zoning By-Law as follows: "Delete existing Section 2.2.7.3. Nonconforming Single and Two Family Structures, and replace it with the following: 2.2.7.3. Nonconforming Single and Two Family Structures. Nonconforming single and two family residential structures may be extended, altered or structurally changed upon a determination by the Inspector of Buildings that such proposed extension, alteration, or change does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure. The following circumstances, individually or in combination, shall be deemed not to increase the non-conforming nature of said structure:

1. alteration, extension, or structural change to a structure which complies with all current setback and building height requirements on a lot with insufficient area, and/or insufficient frontage, where the alteration will also comply with all said current setback and height requirements.

2. alteration, extension or structural change to a structure which presently encroaches upon one or more required setback areas, where the alteration will comply with all current setback, and building height requirements.

In the event the Inspector of Buildings determines that the nonconforming nature of such structure would be increased by the proposed extension, alteration, or change, the Board of Appeals may, by special permit, allow such reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change.” Or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Planning Board

**Article 23 requires 2/3’s affirmative vote to adopt**

**Voted Article 23. That this article be approved.**

**Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the following described parcel of land from the Board of Selectmen to the Swampscott Conservation Commission for conservation purposes under Chapter 40, Section 8C said parcel being a portion of the following described parcel of land known as “Jackson Park” from the custody of the Board of Selectmen for use as parkland for passive recreational use pursuant to the provisions of Article 97, and any other state provisions relevant to the subject intended use of the land, as contemplated by MGL Chapter 40, Section 15A, or take any action relative thereto;

A parcel of land consisting of approximately 24.42 acres identified as Lot 98 on Map 12 on the Town’s Assessor’s maps. The approval of Town Meeting is subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of all documents by Town Counsel.
2. Obtaining all the approvals necessary to identify, subdivide and convey that portion of Lot 98, Map 12 which will be known as “Upper Jackson Park”.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 24 requires 2/3’s affirmative vote to adopt**

**Voted Article 24. That this article be approved.**

**Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain a recreational easement on the property owned by Massachusetts Electric Company, said easement to be measured for a distance of ten feet from the centerline of the corridor between the present Swampscott train station and the Marblehead border at Seaview Avenue, Marblehead that formerly hosted a single railroad line between the towns of Swampscott and Marblehead said taking to be conditioned upon the satisfaction of the following conditions within one year from this town meeting vote:

1. Two professional appraisals of the land are secured.
2. The Rail Trail Implementation committee, Town of Swampscott and/or interested residents secure the amount of money of the highest appraisal.
3. Town Counsel has been consulted and agrees all conditions for an eminent domain taking have been met.
4. The Town Administrator, Assistant Assessor and Town Accountant agree that by this taking, the Town of Swampscott will not suffer the loss of any present monies being paid by Massachusetts Electric Company (MEC) by continued payment of property taxes or leases or rentals of the property back to MEC.

And, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or act or transact anything in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Rail Trail Implementation Committee

**Article 25 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt  
Voted Article 25 as amended. That this article be approved.  
Standing Vote 139-68.**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation of such open space land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act, or take any action relative thereto; that the amount of such surcharge on real property shall be two (2) percent of the amount of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; that the surcharge shall take effect on the first day of fiscal year 2007; and that the Town accepts the following exemptions from the calculation of such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: (a) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (b) \$100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 26. That this article be approved.  
Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 27. That the Town vote to adopt the following General By-Law annexed hereto to be known as the Article to Adopt the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, or take any action relative thereto:

#### Chapter 1 – Members

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL chapter 44B. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the Committee members shall be as follows:

One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of three (3) years.

One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of three (3) years.



One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board for a term of three (3) years.

One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

Four members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two members to be appointed for a term of one (1) year and thereafter for a term of three (3) years and two members to be appointed for a term of two (2) years thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

Should any of the Commission, Board, Councils or Committees who have appointment authority under this chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the appointment authority for that Commission, Board, Council or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for the term for which they are appointed, or until the person no longer serves in the position or on the board or committee as set forth above, whichever is earlier. Any member of the Committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after a hearing.

## Chapter 2 - Duties

1. The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Recreation Council and the Housing Authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study the Committee shall hold one or more public information hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

2. The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendation to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic, resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

3. The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

## Chapter 3 - Requirement of a quorum and cost estimates.

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

#### Chapter 4 - Amendments

This chapter may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with MGL, Chapter 44B.

#### Chapter 5 - Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

#### Chapter 6 - Effective Date

Following Town Meeting approval, this Chapter shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and posting or publication in accordance with G.L. c.40, § 32. Each appointing authority shall have ten days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments. Should any appointing authority fail to make their appointment within that allotted time, the Town Moderator shall make this appointment.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 27. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Board to convey to Tedesco Country Club, easement rights for the purposes of access, including, as necessary, access by police, fire and other emergency or public safety vehicles from an existing public way in and over a portion of the Forest Avenue Playfields, identified as "15' Access Easement 'A'" and "15' Access Easement 'B'" to the Easement Parcel to be conveyed by Tedesco to the Town, as shown on a plan entitled "Forest Avenue Playfields Easement Plan, Swampscott, MA", dated June 18, 2003, revised November 16, 2004, prepared by Surveying and Mapping Consultants for Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates, Inc; further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and execute any such agreements, instruments or other documents necessary to effect the conveyance of said easement rights, or take any other action relating thereto.

Sponsored by the School Building Committee

**Article 28 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt**

**Voted Article 28. That this article be approved.**

**Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account of the Water Enterprise Fund to the account of Current Revenue the sum of \$100,000 to

be used and applied by the Board of Selectmen in the reduction of the water rate, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: Surplus revenue is money not set aside for any special purpose. It results from the difference between estimates and actual receipts of water user fees and other revenues plus unexpended funds from the water department's budget. This is normally surplus revenue available for Town Meeting to be used to reduce rates for the coming year.

**Voted Article 29. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the account of Current Revenue the sum of \$100,000 to be used and applied by the Board of Selectmen in the reduction of the sewer rate, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: Surplus revenue is money not set aside for any special purpose. It results from the difference between estimates and actual receipts of sewer user fees and other revenues plus unexpended funds from the sewer department's budget. This is normally surplus revenue available for Town Meeting to be used to reduce rates for the coming year.

**Voted Article 30. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,923,812.36, originally borrowed for the purposes described in Appendix F hereto, which amounts are no longer needed to complete the projects for which they were initially borrowed, to pay, at the direction of the Selectmen, costs of acquiring land and the building thereon, known as Temple Israel, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: Appendix F contains a list of previously approved capital articles, which for various reasons remain unspent. Funds from capital articles cannot be used to support the operation of town government, but may be re-appropriated for other capital purchases. Articles 31 through 33 represent funding of more than \$4,100,000, which if approved, could be used only to purchase the Temple Israel Property on Humphrey Street. It should be noted that the inclusion of any or all of the articles in Appendix F does not mean that the Town no longer supports the need for that project(s).

**Voted Article 31. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$680,368 for the purchase of land and the building thereon known as Temple Israel, and for costs incidental and



related thereto, and to determine whether this amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

Comment: This article would allow the Town to use the amount originally recommended under Article 6 of this Warrant for “Renovations to the Elihu Thomson Building” to fund, in part, the purchase of the Temple Israel property on Humphrey Street. Articles 31 through 33 represent funding of more than \$4,100,000 for this purpose. The inclusion of this article in the Warrant does not mean that the Town no longer supports the need for funding the project to renovate Town Hall.

**Voted Article 32. That this article be indefinitely postponed.**

**Majority Vote.**

NOTE: Motion to combine Articles 33 and 34. Passed.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purchase of land and the building thereon known as Temple Israel, and for costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to form a committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding the future use of the Temple Israel property located on Humphrey Street, Swampscott. Such committee will be comprised of a resident who resides within 500 feet of said property, the Town Administrator or his/her designee, a member of the Planning Board, a member of the Capital Improvements Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, the Town Accountant and a member of the Board of Selectmen or their designee.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

**Article 33/34 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt**

**Voted Article 33/34. That this article be approved.**

**Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, under any general or special law which authorizes the Town to raise money, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for any and all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 35. That this article be approved.**

**Majority Vote.**

Pre	Name	Address	16 May	17 May	18-May	%
1	Baldacci, Richard R	43 Sampson Ave	x	x		66
1	Barbuzzi, Pamela Ann	185 Windor Ave	x	x	x	100
1	Bartram, Amannda	18 Eureka Ave	x	x	x	100
1	Batchelder, Kathleen	33 The Greenway	x			33
1	Bates, Wallace T.	73 Foster Rd	x	x	x	100
1	Birchmore, Sally	250 Essex St				0
1	Bitman, Bernard	1 Loring Ave	x			33
1	Blonder, Cindy M.	15 Shackle Way	x	x	x	100
1	Blonder, Jeffrey S	15 Shackle Way	x	x	x	100
1	Brenner, Lawrence	44 Elwin Rd				0
1	Buchanan, Susan	84 Roy St	x	x	x	100
1	Chouinard, Conrad L.	12 Overhill Rd	x	x	x	100
1	Chouinard, Leah	12 Overhill Rd	x	x		66
1	Chouinard, Madeline	12 Overhill Rd	x	x	x	100
1	Cresta, Gino A Jr	76 Windsor Ave	x	x	x	100
1	Cropley, John H. Jr.	14 Tidd St	x	x	x	100
1	Dandreo, Robert	28 Vaughan Pl	x	x		66
1	Dandreo, William	91 Roy St				0
1	Delano, Ted	110 Eastman Ave	x	x		66
1	Dorgan, Denise	40 Nichols St	x	x	x	100
1	Doyle, Candace	110 Eastman Ave				0
1	Dube, John R	209 Windsor Ave				0
1	Finlay, Patricia	57 Sampson Ave	x	x		66
1	Genest, Lee Bartlett	47 Elwin St	x	x	x	100
1	Harrington, Vera C	37 Jessie St	x			33
1	Hartmann, Eric	39 Nichols St	x	x		66
1	Hartmann, Marianne	39 Nichols St	x	x		66
1	Hyde, Sally A	10 Overhill Rd	x	x		66
1	Hyde, William R Sr	10 Overhill Rd	x	x	x	100
1	Johnson, Maryalice	49 Windsor Ave	x	x	x	100
1	Kaloust, Gerald J.	262 Essex St				0
1	Kaloust, Roberta A.	262 Essex St				0
1	Kearney, Sheila	14 Shackle Way				0
1	Kessler, Nelson	1002 Paradise Rd	x	x		66
1	Legere, J. Arthur	44 Foster Rd	x	x		66
1	Lombard, James G.	7 Tidd St	x			33
1	Lucas, Julie Feinberg	55 Elwin St	x	x		66
1	Lucas, Tom	55 Elwin St	x	x	x	100
1	Maher, William M.	2 Martin St				0
1	Maitland, Susan	16 Crescent St	x	x	x	100
1	Marrs, Mary Regan	12 Capstan Way				0
1	Montague, Neil	14 Capstan Way	x	x	x	100
1	Patrikis, Theodore A.	1006 Paradise Rd				0
1	Picariello, John A	53 Carson Ter	x	x	x	100
1	Picariello, Lawrence	40 Eastman Ave	x	x	x	100
1	Pierce, Kimberly	74 Buena Vista St	x			33
1	Pierce, Todd	74 Buena Vista St	x	x	x	100
1	Powell, Sally	65 Carson Ter	x	x	x	100
1	Ralph, Jennifer	57 Jessie St				0
1	Rizzo, Carole	18 Nichols St	x	x	x	100
1	Serino, Michael A	99 Burpee Rd	x	x	x	100
1	Shannon, Cynthia	4 Palleschi Dr	x	x	x	100
1	Speranza, Frances	1 Martin Way	x			33
1	Whittier, Douglas	1 Bickford Way	x	x		66
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	
		<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	

re	Name	Address	16 May	17 May	18-May	%
	Barden, Eugene	316 Paradise Rd	x	x	x	100
	Bowen, David	109 Norfolk Ave	x	x	x	100
	Cameron, Janell A	97 Farragut Rd	x	x	x	100
	Cassidy, Tim	19 Barnstable St				0
	Doherty, John J	5 Ellis Rd			x	33
	Hebert, Donald	2 Summit View Dr		x		33
	Locke, Jonathan	39 Berkshire St	x	x	x	100
	Lyons, Wendy A	125 Norfolk Ave	x	x	x	100
	Marcou, Martha L	80 Franklin St	x		x	66
	McHugh, Donna	21 Eastman Ave	x	x	x	100
	Morrell, Agatha	21 Banks Rd	x	x	x	100
	Murphy, Brian C	55 Prospect St			x	33
	Newhall, Linda A	14 Nantucket Ave	x	x	x	100
	Newhall, Walter	14 Nantucket Ave	x	x	x	100
	Palleschi, Edward A	1 Ellis Rd	x	x	x	100
	Romano, John L	2 Paton Ter	x	x		66
	Shanahan, Joseph E Jr	4 Paton Ter				0
	Strauss, Danielle	15 Duke St	x	x	x	100
	Caron, Mark R	77 Franklin Ave	x	x	x	100
	Curry, Martha	15 Banks Rd	x	x	x	100
	Doherty, Daniel E	133 Norfolk Ave	x		x	66
	Dunn, Judith F	145 Stetson Ave	x	x	x	100
	Gioiosa, Kellie	137 Paradise Rd	x	x		66
	Hebert, Janet	2 Summit View Dr	x	x		66
	Irwin, Wendy	17 Bristol Ave	x	x	x	100
	Jackson, Lorene	11 Longwood Dr	x	x	x	100
	Jackson, William	11 Longwood Dr		x		33
	Pinkerton, Don	15 Banks Rd	x		x	66
	Pitman, Michael	164 Walker Rd		x	x	66
	Ramstine, Patricia Karamas	173 Paradise Rd	x	x	x	100
	Reardon, Ellen M	82 Norfolk Ave	x	x	x	100
	Richmond, David E	6 Swampscott Ave	x	x	x	100
	Rubin, Debra	10 Summit View Dr	x	x	x	100
	Schultz, Jackson	23 Hampden St	x	x	x	100
	Scibelli, Anthony A	27 Longwood Dr	x	x	x	100
	Strauss, Mathew	15 Duke St	x	x		66
	Bacik, Lisa A. Carrigan	48 Grant Rd	x	x	x	100
	Baldacchi, Richard	95 Stetson Ave	x	x		66
	Booras, Peter J	130 Walker Rd				0
	Carey, George	43 Hampden St				0
	Carey, Lisa	43 Hampden St				0
	Collins, Diane	7 Longwood Dr	x	x	x	100
	Dunn, Larry A	145 Stetson Ave	x	x	x	100
	Hunt, John	36 Hampden St				0
	Hunt, Stephen R	8 Grant Rd	x	x	x	100
	Laband, Andrew	71 Stetson Ave				0
	Myette, Robert J	119 Stetson Ave				0
	Palleschi, Sheila	1 Ellis Rd				0
	Richmond, Marcia	6 Swampscott Ave	x	x	x	100
	Ruggiero, John	48 Franklin Ave	x	x		66
	Ryan, Leah	15 Duke St	x	x	x	100
	Sullivan, Brian	11 Nantucket Ave				0
	Taverna, Joseph	160 Walker Rd	x	x		66
	Whelan, David	131 Paradise Rd	x	x	x	100
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	
		<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	



Pre	Name	Address	16 May	17 May	18-May	%
3	Bartram, Paul	39 Grant Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Breen, Kevin F	47 Paradise Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Breen, Leslie A	47 Paradise Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Cassidy, John R	37 Farragut Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Coletti, John M	59 Norfolk Ave	x	x		66
3	Dandreo, Daniel J III	46 Rock Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Driscoll, Anne	2 Upland Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Eldridge, Barbara F	15 Maple Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Frenkel, Richard	3 Grant Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Hayes, Paul E	33 Norfolk Ave	x	x		66
3	Holmes, Betty Dean	86 Cherry St	x	x		66
3	Kelleher, Martha G	11 Outlook Rd	x	x		66
3	Ledbury, Lisa	251 Burrill St	x	x	x	100
3	Legere, Donald R Jr	11 Beach Ave	x	x		66
3	Luke Gerald	9 Valley Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Magee, Kathleen	29 Andrew Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Perry, Gerald D	60 Burpee Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Vousboukis, William	199 Burrill Ave		x	x	66
3	Bennett, Ralph E II	35 Rock Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Cormier, Kathleen	51 Thomas Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Donaher, Kevin	28 Burpee Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Fox, Deborah	18 Walker Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Gay, Donna	112 Essex St	x	x	x	100
3	Golden, Edward	47 Farragut Rd	x	x		66
3	Hitchcock, Sarah P	82 Essex St	x	x	x	100
3	Johhn, Robert V Jr	80 Columbia St	x	x		66
3	Jolly, Linda J	80 Columbia St	x	x	x	100
3	Kelly, Nancy	185 Burrill St		x	x	66
3	Lawlor, James C	24 Shaw Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Lincoln, Maria F	164 Burrill St				0
3	Sachs-Freeman, Barbara	32 Andrew Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Sheehan, Neil G	28 Hillcrest Cir	x	x	x	100
3	Thomsen, Maureen	71 Thomas Rd			x	33
3	Vogel, John M	21 Middlesex Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Webster, Mary	7 Elmwood Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Wright, Suzanne	11 Hardy Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Boggs, Deborah A	42 Walker Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Campbell, Michael S	34 Phillips St		x	x	66
3	Cardenas, Patricia	20 Beach Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Donaher, Karen	28 Burpee Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Kenney, Stephen	3 Ellis Ter	x	x		66
3	Lincoln, Loring B Jr	164 Burrill St				0
3	Marvosh, Smilia	19 Essex St		x	x	66
3	Meister, Bunny Young	51 Norfolk Ave	x	x	x	100
3	Moltz, Sandra	9 New Ocean St		x		33
3	Mulgay, Mark H	87 Pine St	x	x		66
3	Patriarca, Michael	78 Columbia St	x		x	66
3	Pilotte, Denis A	25 Thomas Rd	x	x	x	100
3	Richard, Dianne M	20 Superior St	x	x	x	100
3	Sainato, Maryann	20 Superior St	x	x	x	100
3	Vogel, Kristen S	21 Middlesex Ave	x	x		66
3	Weaver, David S	48 Thomas Rd	x		x	66
3	Welch Thomas F	58 Essex St	x	x	x	100
3	Zeman, Cynthia	48 Thomas Rd		x	x	66
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	
		<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>75</b>	

e	Name	Address				
			16 May	17 May	18-May	%
	Baker, Janet N	29 Rockland St	x	x	x	100
	Balsama, Joseph J	23 Sherwood Rd	x			33
	Barden, Marc	377 Forest Ave	x	x	x	100
	DeChillo, Mary H	7 Rockland St	x	x	x	100
	DiMento, William R	64 Bay View Rd	x	x	x	100
	Donelan, Robert E	295 Forest Ave	x	x		66
	Drummond, Brian	153 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Drummond, Ellen M	153 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Goldman, Iris	24 Sheridan Rd	x	x	x	100
	Goudreau, Connie	61 Greenwood Ave	x	x	x	100
	Hughes, Nancy	8 Brooks Ter	x	x	x	100
	Lord, Gary	10 Pine Hill Rd	x	x	x	100
	Lord, Nancy	10 Pine Hill Rd	x	x	x	100
	Madigan, Elizabeth	4 Sheridan Ter	x	x		66
	Meninno, Christine	13 Supreme Ct	x	x	x	100
	Morretti, Nunzio	107 Aspen Rd	x	x	x	100
	Santanello, Daniel	6 Supreme Ct	x	x	x	100
	Wynne, Katie	373 Forest Ave	x	x		66
	Brown, Andrew	99 Banks Rd	x	x		66
	Cunningham, Kelly	52 Greenwood Ave	x	x	x	100
	Falco, Michael	142 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Johnson, Paul W	44 Oceanview Rd	x			33
	Krippendorff, Edward W. Sr	11 Mapledale Pl	x	x	x	100
	Leger, Jeanne	58 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Mcenaney, John T	18 Sargent Rd	x	x	x	100
	McNerney, Cynthia	374 Humphrey St	x	x		66
	O'Brien, Laurie	11 Fuller Ave	x	x	x	100
	Phelan, John V III	75 Banks Rd	x	x	x	100
	Powell, Amy	70 Fuller Ave	x	x	x	100
	Reagan, John	25 Brooks Ter	x	x	x	100
	Shanahan, Patricia D	48 King St	x	x	x	100
	Shanahan, William E	48 King St	x	x	x	100
	Somer, Margaret	32 Bay View Ave				0
	Stone, Myron S	15 Bay View Ave	x	x	x	100
	Walsh, Kary LK	21 Lexington Cir	x	x	x	100
	Withrow, Marysusan Buckley	27 Greenwood Ave	x	x	x	100
	Anderson, Dana	74 Aspen Rd	x		x	66
	Bonazzoli, Paula M	359 Forest Ave	x	x	x	100
	Brown, Rachel	99 Banks Rd	x	x		66
	Dawley, Thomas	137 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Donnenfeld, Neil D	66 Lexington Cir		x	x	66
	Duffy, Pauline	128 Aspen Rd				0
	Foley, Phyllis Serafini	59 Millett Rd	x			33
	Hall, David S	58 Redington St				0
	Johnson, Anne M	96 Magnolia Rd	x	x		66
	Kane, Richard	81 King St	x	x		66
	Keeter, Terri	66 Sherwood Rd	x	x		66
	McBurney, Michelle	92 Fuller Ave	x	x	x	100
	McClung, Michael D	64 Fuller Ave	x	x	x	100
	Moynihan, John	27 Rockland St	x	x	x	100
	Paster, Glenn P	44 Pine Hill Rd				0
	Poska, Matthew P	58 Magnolia Rd	x	x		66
	Scolamiero, Dennis M	182 Redington St	x	x	x	100
	Vaucher, Catherine M	14 Devens Rd	x	x	x	100
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	
		<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>68</b>	

Pre	Name	Address	16 May	17 May	18-May	%
5	Akim, Marta	10 Glen Rd				0
5	Belhumeur, Cynthia Hatch	423 Puritan Rd				0
5	Belhumeur, R. Thomas	423 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Carangelo, Lisa	29 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Forman Amy	81 Bates Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Graham, David	7 Juniper Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Hartmann, Jill	40 Glen Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Hennessey, William	23 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	MacDonald, Matthew	193 Forest Ave	x	x	x	100
5	Nellis, Veeder C	16 Beverly Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Patkin, Randall	34 Ross Road	x	x	x	100
5	Reardon, Carl	25 Glen Rd	x	x		66
5	Rossman Neil	455 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Spartos, Mary Anne	704 Humphrey St				0
5	Stephens, Thomas J	63 Kensington Ln	x	x	x	100
5	Toner, Colleen	80 Sargent Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Tripolsky, Sharon Jaffe	105 Shelton Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Zarinsky, Irma W Dr	21 Sutton Pl	x	x	x	100
5	Burke, Scott Douglas	198 Forest Ave	x	x	x	100
5	Caplan, Edward	26 Laurel Rd	x	x		66
5	Carr, Heather	385 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Deviin, Michael K	23 Puritan Ln	x	x	x	100
5	Goldsmith, Alice	55 Galloupes Pt. Rd		x		33
5	Jancsy, John F	20 Aspen Rd	x	x		66
5	Karwowski, John R	2 Prospect Ave	x	x	x	100
5	Potash, Leola	20 Laurel Rd				0
5	Pye, Darlene	62 Ocean View Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Reichert, Leslie E	74 Galloupes Pt Rd		x		33
5	Rogers, Roberta C	31 Beverly Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Rubino, Stephen M	692 Humphrey St				0
5	Sneirson, Gerald	339 Puritan Rd				0
5	Sullivan, Jill	43 Lincoln House Pt		x	x	66
5	Talkov, Roger	16 Ross Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Vanderburg, Linso	152 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Zeller, David E	37 Walnut Rd	x		x	66
5	Zeller, Virginia	37 Walnut Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Brooks Gerald A	41 Beverly Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Capman, Randy	408 Puritan Rd	x		x	66
5	Cerra Anthony W Jr	15 Sargent Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Connolly, Loretta	67 Ocean View Rd	x		x	66
5	Garner, Ronald	38 Gale Rd				0
5	Hyman, Merle	25 Pine Hill Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Keller, Ellen Long	73 Ocean View Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Lawler, John	6 Gale Rd	x		x	66
5	Lawler, Sami	6 Gale Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Levy, Eric S	12 Puritan Ln		x		33
5	Lewis, Susan E	5 Ocean View Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Lipson, Philip D	2 Robin Ln	x	x		66
5	Rodenstein, Claudia	12 Tupelo Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Rubin, Kenneth A	57 Lincoln House Pt	x	x		66
5	Steinman, Roy, H	129 Galloupes Pt Rd	x			33
5	Van Dam, David S	396 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
5	Weiner, Lawrence J	11 Walnut Rd	x			33
5	Wilson Catherine E	55 Shelton Rd	x	x	x	100
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	
		<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	



Name	Address	16 May	17 May	18-May	%
Baker, Robert A	75 Stanley Rd	x	x	x	100
Cassidy, Reid J	24 Crosman Ave		x	x	66
Cronin, Tammy	45 Manton Rd	x	x	x	100
Dembowski, Claire C	42 Beach Bluff Ave	x	x	x	100
Driscoll, Thomas H Jr. Esq	28 Crosman Ave	x	x	x	100
Frisch, Peter	20 Mostyn St	x	x	x	100
Goldberg, Arthur	180 Bradlee Ave	x		x	66
Goldman, Jeff	6 Allen Rd	x		x	66
Levenson, Paul E Esq	63 Shepard Ave	x	x	x	100
Paster Ruth	6 Brown Rd	x	x	x	100
Paster, Marc	6 Brown Rd	x	x	x	100
Ryan, William	85 Morton Rd	x	x	x	100
Sackett, Shelley A	116 Ocean Ave	x	x	x	100
Shutzer, Carole B	1 Salem St	x	x	x	100
Shutzer, Kenneth B	1 Salem St	x	x	x	100
Watson Brian T	38 Stanwood Rd	x	x		66
Yaeger, Dan	131 Walker Rd	x	x	x	100
Yaeger, Lisa L	131 Walker Rd	x	x	x	100
Beermann, Jack M	9 Sumner St	x	x	x	100
Block Lawrence S	48 Crosman Ave	x	x	x	100
Block, Ina-Lee	48 Crosman Ave	x	x		66
Burke Michael F	45 Bellevue Rd	x	x	x	100
Drucas, Chris	56 Bradlee Ave	x	x		66
Gold, Anne W	79 Bradlee Ave	x	x	x	100
Goldman, Martin C	3 Ingraham Ter	x	x	x	100
Jacobs, Susan	21 Crosman Ave	x	x	x	100
Locke, Judith E	15 Dennison Ave	x	x	x	100
Merkle, Cynthia	44 Dale St	x	x	x	100
O'Hare, Mary Michael	24 Manton Rd	x	x	x	100
Pelletier, Maria	11 Brown Rd	x	x	x	100
Pitman, Martha	23 Nason Rd	x	x	x	100
Rotner, Philip	44 Lincoln Cir	x	x	x	100
Seligman, Edward	13 Young Ave	x	x		66
Simms, Bobbye Lou	47 Morton Rd	x	x	x	100
Witt, Sherri L.	4 Crosman Ave	x	x	x	100
Belkin, Sylvia B	35 Beach Bluff Ave	x	x	x	100
Doherty, Healey Mary	25 Harrison Ave	x	x	x	100
Erlich, Norman	63 Linden Ave	x			33
Gupta, Mary Kelley	48 Atlantic Ave	x	x	x	100
Healey, Thomas	25 Harrison Ave	x	x	x	100
Horwitz, Patricia Kravtin	57 Phillips Ave			x	33
Kane, Susan K	28 Puritan Rd	x	x	x	100
Levenson, Sheryl	63 Shepard Ave	x	x	x	100
Markarian, Joseph	22 Nason Rd	x	x	x	100
Pollison, Richard P	30 Stanwood Rd	x	x	x	100
Pollison, Sharon	30 Stanwood Rd	x	x	x	100
Rotner, Kim	44 Lincoln Cir	x	x	x	100
Ryan, Daniel H	53 Lincoln Cir	x	x	x	100
Shulkin, Catherine	16 Blodgett Ave	x	x	x	100
Shulkin, Randall S	16 Blodgett Ave	x			33
Valle, Michele M	4 Phillips Ave	x	x	x	100
Wagner, Elizabeth Swift	48 Stanley Rd	x	x	x	100
Walsh, Kerin T.	37 Estabrook Rd	x			33
Whitman, Andrew	19 Puritan Pk	x	x	x	100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	
	<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	

**TOWN COLLECTOR and COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Denise M. Dembkoski

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT - 07/01/04 TO 06/30/05

**COLLECTIONS:**

Real Estate Taxes	\$	28,451,495.08
Personal Property Taxes	\$	442,862.41
Tax Title Collections	\$	109,101.92
Automobile Excise Taxes	\$	1,915,341.83
Water/Sewer Collections	\$	4,217,993.99
Water Service Charges	\$	12,985.42
Harbor Mooring Fees	\$	19,274.73
Boat Excise Taxes	\$	2,359.51

*Note:**Interest/charges/demand fees are included in above figures*

Non-Contributory Reimbursements	\$	17,502.57
School Tuitions	\$	34,340.00
Rentals (Fish House, C&L, etc)	\$	35,814.00
Fire Alarm Box Fees	\$	9,600.00

Other interest/charges/demand fees/RMV mark & clear fees	\$	4,455.06
Fees for preparing Certificates of Municipal Lien	\$	17,825.00

<b>Total Collected - July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,290,951.52</b>
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**TREASURER**  
Denise M. Dembkoski

Treasurer's Cash Statement  
In account with the Town of Swampscott:

Balance on hand July 1, 2004:	\$15,353,284
Receipts and income from all sources:	\$54,118,938
Less warrants paid (payroll and vendor):	<u>(\$55,237,360)</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 2005:	<u>\$14,234,862</u>

Interest income earned 07/01/04 - 06/30/05: \$225,138

**TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT TRUST AND SPECIAL FUNDS**

	Balance 7/1/2004	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 06/30/05
Cemetery Gifts & Bequeaths	\$ 74,402	\$0	\$928		\$75,330
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 385,617	\$15,650	\$4,819		\$406,085
Library - General Library Trust	\$ 70,053	\$0	\$874		\$70,927
Library - Linscott Trust	\$ 81,181	\$0	\$1,135	(\$14,610)	\$67,706
Library - Hussey Trust	\$ 61,160	\$0	\$875	(\$10,070)	\$51,966
Library - Johnson Trust	\$ 46	\$0	\$1		\$46
Police - Dare Account	\$ 17,793	\$40	\$405	(\$16,679)	\$1,559
Police - Community Policing	\$ 1	\$5,060	\$11	(\$5,071)	\$0
Police - Drug Enforcement	\$ 3,299	\$0	\$51	(\$1,905)	\$1,445
Police - Law Enforcement	\$ 6,798	\$800	\$35		\$7,633
Stabilization Account	\$ 822,776	\$0	\$8,224	(\$450,000)	\$381,000
Conservation Fund	\$ 80,447	\$1,480	\$1,005		\$82,933
Phillips Medal	\$ 2,933	\$0	\$38		\$2,971
MWRA Program	\$ 27,988	\$0	\$349		\$28,337
Performance Bonds	\$ 93,279	\$0	\$1,090		\$94,369
War Memorial Fund	\$ 121,730	\$625	\$1,562	(\$4,400)	\$119,517
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,849,503</b>	<b>\$23,655</b>	<b>\$21,400</b>	<b>(\$502,736)</b>	<b>\$1,391,823</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Dembkoski  
Treasurer



## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending 2005 the Town of Swampscott had to comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement 34 for fixed assets. The Town had an inventory done in June 2002 for all assets valued over \$1,000 with the Town's threshold for GASB 34 being \$15,000. We are also required to operate Enterprise Funds for Water and Sewer. The funds are now known as Proprietary Funds.

The following is the Fiscal Year 2005-year end Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for Governmental Funds, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budget and Actual) Governmental Funds, Statement of Net Assets for Governmental Funds, Statement of Net Assets for Proprietary Funds, Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets for Proprietary Funds, Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets and the July 1, 2005 Free Cash Letter from The Department of Revenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Castellarin  
Town Accountant

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	General	Stabilization	Bonded Capital Articles
Cash and short-term investments.....	\$ 3,230,624	\$ 380,999	\$ -
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	437,090	-	-
Tax liens.....	201,340	-	-
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	233,638	-	-
Trash.....	232	-	-
Intergovernmental.....	425,000	-	-
Restricted assets:			
Cash and short-term investments.....	-	-	4,490,129
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,527,924</b>	<b>\$ 380,999</b>	<b>\$ 4,490,129</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Warrants payable.....	\$ 999,685	\$ -	\$ 30,394
Accrued payroll.....	192,005	-	-
Other liabilities.....	229,585	-	-
Deferred revenue.....	1,183,244	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>2,604,519</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,394</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations.....	116,015	-	-
Perpetual permanent funds.....	-	-	-
Other specific purposes.....	-	-	-
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund.....	1,807,390	-	-
Special revenue funds.....	-	380,999	-
Capital projects funds.....	-	-	4,459,735
Permanent funds.....	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES.....</b>	<b>1,923,405</b>	<b>380,999</b>	<b>4,459,735</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,527,924</b>	<b>\$ 380,999</b>	<b>\$ 4,490,129</b>

See notes to basic financial statements.

New High School	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 2,039,855	\$ 5,651,478
-	-	437,090
-	-	201,340
-	-	233,638
-	-	232
3,589,222	61,743	4,075,965
<u>1,169,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,659,406</u>
\$ <u>4,758,499</u>	\$ <u>2,101,598</u>	\$ <u>16,259,149</u>
\$ 1,953,420	\$ 63,828	\$ 3,047,327
-	15,829	207,834
-	-	229,585
<u>3,589,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,772,466</u>
<u>5,542,642</u>	<u>79,657</u>	<u>8,257,212</u>
-	-	116,015
-	452,782	452,782
-	214,764	214,764
-	-	1,807,390
-	1,281,574	1,662,573
(784,143)	-	3,675,592
<u>-</u>	<u>72,821</u>	<u>72,821</u>
<u>(784,143)</u>	<u>2,021,941</u>	<u>8,001,937</u>
\$ <u>4,758,499</u>	\$ <u>2,101,598</u>	\$ <u>16,259,149</u>

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General	Stabilization	Bonded Capital Articles
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 28,781,281	\$ -	\$ -
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	1,940,209	-	-
Tax liens.....	78,432	-	-
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	16,150	-	-
Charges for services.....	-	-	-
Intergovernmental .....	6,747,446	-	-
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	120,839	-	-
Licenses, permits and fees.....	1,410,874	-	-
Fines and forfeitures.....	108,847	-	-
Departmental.....	588,861	-	-
Contributions.....	-	-	-
Investment income.....	223,902	8,224	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>	<b>40,016,841</b>	<b>8,224</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government.....	1,708,076	-	371,873
Public safety.....	5,249,100	-	767,851
Education.....	19,353,445	-	450,924
Public works.....	1,212,099	-	408,668
Health and human services.....	1,038,882	-	-
Culture and recreation.....	597,515	-	243,255
Pension benefits.....	5,742,701	-	-
Employee benefits.....	3,431,034	-	-
Property and liability insurance.....	275,741	-	-
State and county charges.....	470,329	-	-
Debt service:			
Principal.....	1,550,646	-	-
Interest.....	345,200	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>40,974,768</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,242,571</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>(957,927)</b>	<b>8,224</b>	<b>(2,242,571)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in.....	1,696,955	-	-
Proceeds of bonds and notes.....	-	-	2,281,700
Sale of capital assets.....	375,000	-	-
Transfers out.....	(946,844)	(450,000)	(147,297)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES).....</b>	<b>1,125,111</b>	<b>(450,000)</b>	<b>2,134,403</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES.....</b>	<b>167,184</b>	<b>(441,776)</b>	<b>(108,168)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>1,756,221</b>	<b>822,775</b>	<b>4,567,903</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,923,405</b>	<b>\$ 380,999</b>	<b>\$ 4,459,735</b>

New High School	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,781,281
-	-	1,940,209
-	-	78,432
-	-	16,150
-	1,280,755	1,280,755
-	1,227,384	7,974,830
-	-	120,839
-	157,546	1,568,420
-	-	108,847
-	296,006	884,867
-	135,103	135,103
-	12,088	244,214
-	3,108,882	43,133,947
-	35,690	2,115,639
-	502,684	6,519,635
4,340,123	2,523,061	26,667,553
-	170,702	1,791,469
-	31,942	1,070,824
-	70,963	911,733
-	-	5,742,701
-	-	3,431,034
-	-	275,741
-	-	470,329
-	-	1,550,646
-	-	345,200
4,340,123	3,335,042	50,892,504
(4,340,123)	(226,160)	(7,758,557)
580,000	-	2,276,955
5,814,300	-	8,096,000
-	212,869	587,869
-	(750,000)	(2,294,141)
6,394,300	(537,131)	8,666,683
2,054,177	(763,291)	908,126
(2,838,320)	2,785,232	7,093,811
\$ (784,143)	\$ 2,021,941	\$ 8,001,937

GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	\$ 28,732,691	\$ 28,732,691	\$ 28,731,610	\$ (1,081)
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	1,827,034	1,827,034	1,940,209	113,175
Tax liens.....	-	-	78,432	78,432
Payments in lieu of taxes.....	8,075	8,075	16,150	8,075
Intergovernmental .....	3,370,508	3,370,508	3,467,446	96,938
Penalties and interest on taxes.....	80,000	80,000	120,839	40,839
Licenses, permits and fees.....	1,252,710	1,252,710	1,410,874	158,164
Fines and forfeitures.....	96,125	96,125	108,847	12,722
Departmental.....	580,000	580,000	588,861	8,861
Investment income.....	140,000	140,000	223,902	83,902
<b>TOTAL REVENUES.....</b>	<b>36,087,143</b>	<b>36,087,143</b>	<b>36,687,170</b>	<b>600,027</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government.....	1,797,827	1,799,213	1,705,441	93,772
Public safety.....	5,301,796	5,289,542	5,263,651	25,891
Education.....	19,698,176	19,698,176	19,337,089	361,087
Public works.....	1,177,854	1,235,197	1,223,240	11,957
Health and human services.....	1,062,373	1,039,443	1,038,302	1,141
Culture and recreation.....	631,746	609,021	594,235	14,786
Pension benefits.....	2,480,438	2,462,701	2,462,701	-
Employee benefits.....	3,405,000	3,431,034	3,431,034	-
Property and liability insurance.....	250,000	275,741	275,741	-
State and county charges.....	435,953	435,953	470,329	(34,376)
Debt service:				
Principal.....	1,550,646	1,550,646	1,550,646	-
Interest.....	387,715	352,857	345,200	7,657
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>38,179,524</b>	<b>38,179,524</b>	<b>37,697,609</b>	<b>481,915</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>(2,092,381)</b>	<b>(2,092,381)</b>	<b>(1,010,439)</b>	<b>1,081,942</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in.....	1,696,955	1,696,955	1,696,955	-
Sale of capital assets.....	375,000	375,000	375,000	-
Transfers out.....	(946,844)	(946,844)	(946,844)	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>1,125,111</b>	<b>1,125,111</b>	<b>1,125,111</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE.....</b>	<b>(967,270)</b>	<b>(967,270)</b>	<b>114,672</b>	<b>1,081,942</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>1,887,227</b>	<b>1,887,227</b>	<b>1,887,227</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>\$ 919,957</b>	<b>\$ 919,957</b>	<b>\$ 2,001,899</b>	<b>\$ 1,081,942</b>



# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and short-term investments.....	\$ 5,651,478	\$ 1,189,065	\$ 6,840,543
Restricted cash and short-term investments.....	5,659,406	1,278,666	6,938,072
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Real estate and personal property taxes.....	437,090	-	437,090
Tax and utility liens.....	201,340	39,971	241,311
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes.....	233,638	-	233,638
Water.....	-	1,481,968	1,481,968
Sewer.....	-	978,064	978,064
Trash.....	232	-	232
Intergovernmental.....	61,743	25,918	87,661
Total current assets.....	12,244,927	4,993,652	17,238,579
Noncurrent assets:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Intergovernmental.....	4,014,222	793,144	4,807,366
Capital assets not being depreciated.....	10,641,081	252,182	10,893,263
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	10,788,882	18,611,209	29,400,091
Total noncurrent assets.....	25,444,185	19,656,535	45,100,720
Total assets.....	37,689,112	24,650,187	62,339,299
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Warrants payable.....	3,047,327	236,089	3,283,416
Accrued payroll.....	207,834	11,326	219,160
Other liabilities.....	229,585	-	229,585
Accrued interest.....	107,580	225,507	333,087
Workers' compensation claims.....	139,741	-	139,741
Long-term bonds and notes payable.....	1,913,694	1,531,433	3,445,127
Total current liabilities.....	5,645,761	2,004,355	7,650,116
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Workers' compensation claims.....	1,257,668	-	1,257,668
Long-term bonds and notes payable.....	12,711,240	12,723,594	25,434,834
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	13,968,908	12,723,594	26,692,502
Total liabilities.....	19,614,669	14,727,949	34,342,618
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.....	10,880,994	5,427,426	16,308,420
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds:			
Expendable.....	72,821	-	72,821
Nonexpendable.....	452,782	-	452,782
Other specific purposes.....	214,764	-	214,764
Unrestricted.....	6,453,082	4,494,812	10,947,894
Total net assets.....	\$ 18,074,443	\$ 9,922,238	\$ 27,996,681

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

JUNE 30, 2005

Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds

ASSETS	Water	Sewer	Total
Current assets:			
Cash and short-term investments.....	\$ 474,982	\$ 714,083	\$ 1,189,065
Restricted cash and short-term investments.....	1,278,666	-	1,278,666
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Water.....	1,481,968	-	1,481,968
Sewer.....	-	978,064	978,064
Utility liens.....	22,060	17,911	39,971
Intergovernmental.....	-	25,918	25,918
Total current assets.....	3,257,676	1,735,976	4,993,652
Noncurrent assets:			
Intergovernmental.....	-	793,144	793,144
Capital assets not being depreciated.....	2,542	249,640	252,182
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.....	2,924,372	15,686,837	18,611,209
Total noncurrent assets.....	2,926,914	16,729,621	19,656,535
Total assets.....	6,184,590	18,465,597	24,650,187
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Warrants payable.....	212,035	24,054	236,089
Accrued payroll.....	6,259	5,067	11,326
Accrued interest.....	7,063	218,444	225,507
Long-term bonds and notes payable.....	555,080	976,353	1,531,433
Total current liabilities.....	780,437	1,223,918	2,004,355
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Long-term bonds and notes payable.....	3,942,637	8,780,957	12,723,594
Total noncurrent liabilities.....	3,942,637	8,780,957	12,723,594
Total liabilities.....	4,723,074	10,004,875	14,727,949
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt.....	(1,570,803)	6,998,229	5,427,426
Unrestricted.....	3,032,319	1,462,493	4,494,812
Total net assets.....	\$ 1,461,516	\$ 8,460,722	\$ 9,922,238

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Total
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services.....	\$ 2,488,999	\$ 1,493,925	\$ 3,982,924
Utility liens.....	130,695	95,393	226,088
Penalties and interest.....	29,225	22,324	51,549
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES.....</b>	<b>2,648,919</b>	<b>1,611,642</b>	<b>4,260,561</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Cost of service and administration.....	2,136,829	1,152,827	3,289,656
Depreciation.....	69,284	505,227	574,511
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>2,206,113</b>	<b>1,658,054</b>	<b>3,864,167</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS).....</b>	<b>442,806</b>	<b>(46,412)</b>	<b>396,394</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Intergovernmental.....	-	400,235	400,235
Interest expense.....	(87,839)	(543,308)	(631,147)
<b>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET.....</b>	<b>(87,839)</b>	<b>(143,073)</b>	<b>(230,912)</b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS.....</b>	<b>354,967</b>	<b>(189,485)</b>	<b>165,482</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfers in.....	-	946,844	946,844
Transfers out.....	(754,829)	(174,829)	(929,658)
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS.....</b>	<b>(754,829)</b>	<b>772,015</b>	<b>17,186</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....</b>	<b>(399,862)</b>	<b>582,530</b>	<b>182,668</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>1,861,378</b>	<b>7,878,192</b>	<b>9,739,570</b>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,461,516</b>	<b>\$ 8,460,722</b>	<b>\$ 9,922,238</b>

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS**

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	Pension Trust (As of 12/31/04)	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
Cash and short-term investments.....	\$ 1,634,033	\$ 270,059	\$ 191,587
Investments.....	26,548,409	-	-
Interest and dividends.....	67,398	-	-
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Departmental and other.....	405,947	-	-
Total assets.....	<u>28,655,787</u>	<u>270,059</u>	<u>191,587</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Warrants payable.....	1,148,004	-	24,740
Liabilities due depositors.....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,847</u>
Total liabilities.....	<u>1,148,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,587</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Held in trust for pension benefits and other purposes.....	<u>\$ 27,507,783</u>	<u>\$ 270,059</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Pension Trust (As of 12/31/04)	Private Purpose Trust
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer.....	\$ 2,347,756	\$ -
Employee.....	848,642	-
Private donations.....	-	4,175
Total contributions.....	3,196,398	4,175
Net investment income:		
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments.....	2,294,143	-
Interest.....	663,978	3,058
Total investment income (loss).....	2,958,121	3,058
Less investment expense.....	(225,891)	-
Net investment income (loss).....	2,732,230	3,058
Intergovernmental.....	19,181	-
Transfers from other systems.....	58,964	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	6,006,773	7,233
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Administration.....	148,549	-
Retirement benefits and refunds.....	3,943,814	-
Transfers to other systems.....	232,131	-
Scholarships awarded.....	-	19,452
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS.....	4,324,494	19,452
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS.....	1,682,279	(12,219)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....	25,825,504	282,278
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....	\$ 27,507,783	\$ 270,059





November 14, 2005

Town Accountant  
Town of Swampscott  
22 Monument Ave.  
Swampscott, Mass. 01907

Dear Auditor or Accountant:

Based on the unaudited balance sheet and other schedules submitted by the community, I hereby certify that the amount of funds available for appropriation as of July 1, 2005 for the town of Swampscott is:

General Fund	\$1,248,544
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 298,944
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$ 565,030

This certification is in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59 §23.

Please forward copies to the Mayor or City Manager, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Treasurer, Collector and Board of Assessors.

We wish to thank you and the other local officials involved for your cooperation and assistance in the process of certifying available funds.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

James R. Johnson  
Director of Accounts

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Neil G. Sheehan, Chairman  
John V. Phelan, III, Secretary  
Vera C. Harrington

Donna Champagne O'Keefe, Esq., Asst. Assr.  
Pamela R. Hogan, Clerk  
Linda L. Paster, Clerk

In accordance with Article 4 Section 2 of the by-laws of the Town of Swampscott, the Board of Assessors herewith submits its annual report to the citizens of the Town of Swampscott for the Fiscal Year 2005.

In Fiscal 2005, real estate values continued to increase, not only in Swampscott, but also across the state. The Assessing Department conducted a three-year mandated revaluation analysis and adjusted real estate values based on market indications. Consequently, real estate assessments increased an average of 11% for Fiscal 2005.

Under the provisions of Proposition 2½, the Department of Revenue requires all real estate to reflect 100% of full and fair cash value every year. The Department of Revenue certifies compliance with the statute every three years. The Town of Swampscott received final certification in Fiscal 2005 for the three preceding Fiscal years.

Additionally, under proposition 2½, the town is required to physically measure and inspect all real estate within the community every ten years. The last time a complete measure and listing of all properties was conducted was in 1995. Therefore the Assessors have implemented a measure and inspection program, which will be complete by 2006. Taxpayers are asked for their cooperation since this process ensures a more accurate assessment resulting in fair and equitable assessments, and a fair and consistent distribution of the tax burden.

The second half of Fiscal 2005 was devoted to collecting data for reassessment purposes. New assessments will be available for public review in early November.

The practice of interim year adjustments has allowed the Board to maintain fair and defensible values at the Appellate Tax Board. This has resulted in the Board voting once again to release \$315,000 from the overlay reserve to the surplus account in Fiscal 2005. This release brings the total amount released by the Board to \$2,015,000 since 1997.

The much-anticipated Appellate Tax Board case, Town of Swampscott v. Bertram House went to trial in March 2004. While the Town did prevail in this matter, as of June 30, 2005, no finding of fact had been issued.

At the town wide election in April, Mrs. Vera C. Harrington was elected to a three-year term and is serving in her 44<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Town of Swampscott. Subsequently, at the Board of Assessors reorganizational meeting, Mr. Neil G. Sheehan was voted Chairperson. Mr. John V. Phelan, III was voted Secretary to the Board. After eight (8) years of service as Assistant Assessor, Mr. Michael Tumulty resigned on February 4, 2005 to accept a great professional opportunity as Chief Assessor for the Town of Marblehead. The Board of Assessors appreciates the contributions Mr. Tumulty made during his years of service to the Town. Following an extensive professional search conducted jointly by the Board of Assessors and Town Administrator, Ms. Donna Champagne O'Keefe was recommended for the position of Assistant Assessor to the Board of Selectman, who voted unanimously on March 15, 2005 to appoint Ms. Champagne O'Keefe.

The Senior abatement/exemption work-off program is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and continues to benefit both the town and seniors through the voluntary work performed by 28 senior citizens throughout the town. The total amount of abatements/exemptions issued through the program for Fiscal 2005 was \$11,238.00.

In a joint meeting on November 10, 2004, the Board of Selectmen once again voted to maintain a split tax rate. The approved rates for Fiscal 2005 are \$11.29 per thousand for residential property and \$20.87 per thousand for commercial, industrial, and personal property. Statutory personal exemptions, which are mandatory under Chapter 59 MGL, totaled \$66,769.52 to 191 qualified homeowners

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX**

Number of Vehicles	12,097
Excise Tax Commitment Total	\$1,643,019.88

**BOAT EXCISE**

Number of Vessels	167
Excise Tax Commitment Total	\$7,953

The Board of Assessors wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Andrew Maylor, David Castellarin, Russell Patten, and Denise Dembkoski for their cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

The Board of Assessors herewith submits its figures used to determine the tax rate for Fiscal year 2005.

Respectfully,

Neil G. Sheehan, Chairperson  
John V. Phelan, III, Secretary  
Vera C. Harrington

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**FISCAL 2005 TAX LEVY LIMITATION FOR**  
**SWAMPSCOTT**  
**FOR BUDGET PLANNING PURPOSES**

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**I. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2004 LEVY LIMIT**

A. FY 2003 Levy Limit	25,953,317
A1 ADD Amended FY 2003 Growth	0
B. ADD ( IA + IA1 ) * 2.5 %	648,833
C. ADD FY 2004 New Growth	208,245
D. ADD FY 2004 Override	0
E. FY 2004 Subtotal	26,810,395
F. FY 2004 Levy Ceiling	54,699,447

**I. \$26,810,395**  
FY 2004 Levy Limit

**II. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2005 LEVY LIMIT**

A. FY 2004 Levy Limit from I.	26,810,395
A1 ADD Amended FY 2004 Growth	
B. ADD ( IIA + IIA1 ) * 2.5 %	670,260
C. ADD FY 2005 New Growth	384,212
D. ADD FY 2005 Override	0
E. FY 2005 Subtotal	27,864,867
F. FY 2005 Levy Ceiling	60,782,026

**II. \$27,864,867**  
FY 2005 Levy Limit

**III. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2005  
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY**

A. FY 2005 Levy Limit from II.	27,864,867
B. FY 2005 Debt Exclusion(s)	1,144,265
C. FY 2005 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)	0
D. FY 2005 Other Adjustment	0
E. FY 2005 Water / Sewer	0
F. FY 2005 Maximum Allowable Levy	\$29,009,132

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Swampscott Zoning Board of Appeals had a very busy and productive fiscal year 2005. Following David Janes' decision in July 2004 to not seek reappointment after 10 years of service on the ZBA, the Board of Selectmen appointed associate member Damon Seligson to be a full member of the ZBA, and appointed Andrew Rose as an associate member of the ZBA. At the July 2004 ZBA public hearing the ZBA elected Peter A. Spellios as chairman, Daniel Doherty as vice-chairman and Damon Seligson as clerk.

This year presented the ZBA with many difficult decisions, involving many complex legal and factual issues. The ZBA met 14 times and conducted public hearings on approximately 84 petitions, of which approximately only 6 petitions were denied by the ZBA. Although each of the petitions and the ZBA's decisions were not without some controversy, the ZBA worked diligently to accurately, consistently and fairly interpret and implement the Swampscott Zoning Bylaws. In January 2005, the ZBA began consideration of a so-called 40B Petition for 12 residential condominiums at 100 Burrill Street. Public hearings on this matter continue as of the date of this summary.

The ZBA would like to express its specific gratitude to the Swampscott Inspector of Buildings, Joseph Latronica, for all of his guidance and assistance this past year. Mr. Latronica's extensive knowledge of building and zoning laws and his ability to effectively discuss those requirements with the ZBA and the public, were a terrific help to the ZBA this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter A. Spellios  
Chairman



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:** JOSEPH LATRONICA  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** MICHELE POSTE  
**LOCAL BUILDING INSPECTOR:** KATHY MAGEE  
**PLUMBING INSPECTOR:** PETER MCCARRISTON  
**ALTERNATE PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR:** MICHAEL WALDMAN  
**ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR:** JIM SAMMS

The Building Department is charged with the interpretation and enforcement of the Massachusetts State Building Code and the Town of Swampscott Zoning By-Laws. The review of all projects and issuance of permits to construct, re-construct, alter, repair and demolish.

The Town of Swampscott Building Department continues to work in centralizing the permitting and inspection process, also updating and creating information checklists, application and permit forms. We are continually updating our website for easier access to information. Archived material retrieval continues to be a priority as well as building and completing accessible property files.

The department wishes to acknowledge Dan Cahill for thirty-nine years of service as Electrical Inspector and congratulate him on his new position as Project Manager for the Town of Swampscott Public Schools. At the same time the department welcomes Jim Samms as the new Electrical Inspector appointed July 12, 2005. He has acclimated quickly and will be a great asset.

The following information outlines the Building Department activity for the fiscal year 2005 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005). Fire Alarm Master Box invoices sent out were (48) the total amount collected was \$9600.00. Total number of permits issued, fee amounts and estimated construction costs that have been collected are as follows:

<u>Permits &amp; Fees:</u>	<u>Total # of permits:</u>	<u>Total \$ of fees:</u>	<u>Total Constr. Cost:</u>
Building	507	\$224,193.25	\$65,204,305.00
Plumbing	394	\$13,822.00	-
Gas	400	\$9,278.00	-
Wiring	396	\$28918.00	-
Cert. of Inspection	51	\$730.00	-
Cert. of Occupancy	45	-0-	-
	<hr/> 1793	<hr/> \$276,941.25	<hr/> \$65,204,305.00

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Latronica  
Inspector of Buildings

## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In the last six months of 2004 and the first six months of 2005, Town Counsel responded to a number of requests for opinions from Town officials on a wide variety of issues and represented the Town in several pending court actions. We advised the Board of Selectmen with respect to numerous zoning appeals, town meeting procedure, amendments to bylaws, labor matters, procurement and contract issues, comprehensive permit issues, issues related to the construction of the new high school and various other general municipal matters.

As always, we strive to provide fast and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions. Town Counsel has represented the Town and its officers in judicial proceedings before the District Court, Superior Court and Land Court, and has represented the Town in administrative hearings before the Civil Service Commission. We have also worked hard to provide effective representation of the Town in all of the Town's pending litigation. We continue to represent the Town in various litigation matters, and have successfully defended numerous zoning appeals.

The office of Town Counsel has continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs, by researching many issues of municipal law and mailing Memoranda addressing those issues at no charge to the Town. For example, in the last twelve months, we have advised the Town with regard to protections for personal in the military, use of municipal buildings for religious activities, gifts of conservation land, restricting use of local recreational areas to residents, legal issues involving holiday displays on public property and many other timely municipal topics.

We have attended meetings of various Town Boards at the Town's request, and with permission of the Board of Selectmen, to provide advice on pending litigation and for the purposes of risk management.

Town Counsel's objective continues to be to provide high quality legal services to the Town in a responsive and timely manner at a reasonable cost.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining this firm, and we appreciate the assistance and cooperation we have received on all matters from the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards and personnel. We look forward to working with members of the Swampscott town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Kopelman, for the firm  
of Kopelman and Paige, P.C.,  
Town Counsel

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## SWAMPSCOTT COUNCIL ON AGING

### MISSION STATEMENT

To Serve all seniors with dignity and positive regard  
To identify and respond to the needs of elders and to advocate on their behalf  
To promote an awareness in the community of issues regarding seniors

### BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Abramson, Chairperson	Martha Marcou, Executive Director
Estelle Epstein, Social Programs	Warren Hopkins, Outreach Worker
Mary Cobbett, Secretary	Susan Pierce, Office Assistant
Bea Breitstein, GLSS Board Member	Howard Conley, Van Driver
Felice Litman, Arts; SHINE	Paul Sherry, Van Driver
Marion Stone, Special Events	Lois Donovan, Activities Coordinator
Arlene Rosen, Treasurer; Special Projects	Suzanne O'Brien, Activities Coordinator
Claire Dembowski, Programs	

The Swampscott Council on Aging is a policy making board. At the present time we have a full board serving on special committees.

### HIGHLIGHTS of 2004-2005

The most important happening for Swampscott seniors this year was the vote to include a new senior center as part of the new high school. I am very pleased that now we will have a handicapped accessible building where all activities will take place on one floor. The new facility will be air-conditioned and we will be able to offer more programs. We also look forward to having a health office, which will provide clients some privacy while they are seeking personal health information and having their blood pressure checked. This is a very exciting time for seniors in Swampscott.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We are very fortunate to have over 40 talented and dedicated volunteers. This year Sheryl Gresek from Congressman Tierney's office presented awards to the following volunteers for their outstanding efforts over the past year; Mary Abramson, Warren Hopkins, Bob Pierce, Donna Butts, Mary Curtis, Myron Stone, Roz Goldman, Phyllis Cutone, Ruth Roche, Marion Stone, Estelle Epstein, Arlene Rosen, Maralyn Keay, Sarah Desmond, and Jamie Lewin.

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation continues to be a critical issue for seniors. Due to increased gasoline prices we have had to make a small adjustment in van fares. The Council continues to offer transportation to and from the lunch program Monday through Friday. Food shopping and banking take place Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Local trips to department stores take place on Friday. Reservations are made by calling the Senior Center on the day the ride is needed. Medical transportation can be arranged through GLSS, The Ride and private vendors.

### OUTREACH

One of the primary functions of any senior center is their outreach effort. Currently a part time professional that meets or visits with elders in our community staffs Swampscott's outreach program. This service requires strict attention on the part of our staff when it comes to listening to and understanding people's problems. In this way we can refer them to the proper agency and minimize the amounts of forms and telephone calls for those involved. Medical and legal concerns along with health care, housing, transportation, finance, and insurance are some of the issues that are addressed.

### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

The information and referral service provides a very essential function for the senior community. Although we try to assist elders and their families directly when possible, many times we act as the intermediary, referring people to various agencies. Issues regarding transportation, home health care, meals on wheels, nursing homes and adult day care are just some of the many areas in which information and assistance are available.

### TRIAD

We have formed a TRIAD Council here in Swampscott. TRIAD is a joint effort of the local senior center, the Essex County Sheriff's Department, local law enforcement and protective services. We have had two organizational meetings with members of the Sheriff's Department, Swampscott Police, and Fire Departments, GLSS, Senior Center Staff and board members.



## **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

A caregiver support group facilitated by Debby Segil, a social worker from GLSS meets twice a month at the Senior Center. This group functions as a support activity for those caring for elderly family members or friends who are ill.

### **S.H.I.N.E.**

S.H.I.N.E. (serving the health insurance needs of elders) counselors Felice Litman and Warren Hopkins have completed extensive training and attend meetings to constantly update their information. They meet with clients every Thursday at 11:00am, and by appointment.

## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

A new group for women has been very successful this last year. Sheryl Donnelly from Greater Lynn Senior Services is the moderator. The women have enjoyed trips, speakers and lunches. They have also seen a demonstration of a "companion dog".

## **MEN'S CLUB SPEAKER SERIES**

Over the past year the Swampscott Senior Men's Club has hosted a number of very interesting speakers at each of their monthly meetings. They include: Susan Cripps. Regional SHINE Coordinator, Steve Dembowski, Swampscott High School football coach, Joanne Sampson, Union Hospital Diabetes Educator. Dan Dandreo, committee member for the proposed hockey rink, Jill Sullivan, Chairperson of the Community Development Committee: Mike Tumulty, former Swampscott Town Assessor: Bill Rowbottom, of Blue cross Blue Shield, and Paul Gorman Director of the MS YMCA.

The club also had a very successful Men's Health Fair in conjunction with GLSS at the Center in April.

## **NUTRITION**

Meals are served five days a week from 11:45 until 12:30. No reservations are required for lunch. Last year over 7000 meals were served here at the center. Greater Lynn Senior Services delivers approximately 50 meals daily to homebound residents. The interfaith food pantry collects non-perishable foods from local churches and temples and distributes groceries at the Senior Center and Senior Housing Units.

## **PROGRAMS, CLASSES, and TRIPS**

Several classes, programs and trips are offered to seniors. Information appears in our monthly newsletter, The Compass, The Swampscott Reporter, Lynn Item, and Salem News. New Classes established this year were tap dancing, knitting, and a women's discussion group.

### **SPECIAL PROJECT**

The Swampscott Council on Aging has sponsored two writing groups since 1998. They meet weekly in the back room of Panera Bread, on Paradise Rd. Deahn Berriini Leblang and Babo Kamel are the instructors. This year a very special edition of original works was printed. Counterpoint is a collection of writing produced by these two groups. This book is for sale at the senior center at the price of \$5.00.

## **HEALTH PROGRAMS**

In April a Men's Health Fair was held. The traveling mobile van from North Shore Medical Center was on site offering various health-screening services. Blood pressure clinics are offered twice weekly.

## **NEWSLETTER**

The Compass is published monthly and contains the monthly menu, activities for the coming month, the directors column, original poems from the writing group and the latest information of interest to seniors.

## **FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Friends of the Swampscott Council On Aging was formed in February of 1995 and continues to lend assistance to the Center.

## **THANKYOU**

A very special thanks to all who helped make 2004-2005 a successful year. A very special thank you to all who volunteered at the Senior Center. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## **Earth Removal Advisory Committee (ERAC)**

In 1993, former owner of the quarry Bardon Trimount, clear-cut a three-acre parcel of trees just north of Overhill road. Many neighbors felt increases in dust and noise. The Selectmen appointed a group and an Earth Removal by-law was voted in by town meeting in 1994.

One of the first tasks of the newly formed "ERAC" was to place remaining undisturbed trees and property into a no-cut, no-disturb GREENBELT area for the protection of the neighbors. In addition, Bardon Trimount was forced to replant and replicate the three-acre site that was cut down without permits.

The ERAC feels that the negative effects of dust and noise the neighbors experienced and felt when the three acre parcel was clear-cut, is more than enough evidence to insist that the GREENBELT Buffer remain in place. The GREENBELT area is an important area to the residents and now the new Swampscott High School. The ERAC is working to ensure this area remain a solid buffer and is working at replanting some areas that have been encroached upon over the past few years.

The ERAC continues to insist upon quarry modernization at the Aggregate Industry Operation on Danvers Road.

Over the past year, the ERAC has monitored dust testing, testing of water at Fosters Dam, and worked on new noise studies that are comparing the new crushing plants to the old outdated equipment that has been replaced. ERAC continues to build a data file in regards to the health and environmental issues surrounding the quarry operation.

The ERAC monitors the daily operation of the quarry in regards to all activities in the quarry. The ERAC generally handles all complaints and inquiries at the Aggregate property.

The ERAC has been working and pushing AI to update and modernize the plant and equipment at the quarry since inception of the by-law in 1994. Using a strong, but fair guiding hand over the past few years, we can report that the quarry operation has been more than 95% modernized with the Primary Crushing operation in place and operating. AI is working out start up bugs and working with the ERAC analyzing changes in dust and noise within the community with the new operation in place.

This past year truck restrictions were put in place in regards to Essex street truck traffic.

The ERAC monitored and renewed permits regarding the new high school project. Full details, plan review, and site visits took place to ensure residents were disrupted as little as possible. This was a large scale project and the ERAC was satisfied with the effort of the contractors and school representatives.

Finally, we can report that all residents are welcome to attend the ERAC meetings. The ERAC allows full open question and answer sessions with the quarry representative as well as bringing forward any concerns. Despite the always open invitation, there are usually less than 5 residents at the majority of meetings.



**ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**LINDA J. THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN (RESIGNED JUNE 2005, MOVED OUT OF TOWN**  
**BARBARA DEVEREUX (RESIGNED JANUARY 2005, MOVED OUT OF TOWN**  
**EDWARD GOLDEN (RESIGNED JUNE 2005, MOVED OUT OF TOWN**  
**PAUL DEBOLE**  
**SUE BURGESS (APPOINTED IN FEBRUARY 2005)**

The Election Commission met on a regular basis for their monthly meetings. The yearly census was conducted thru this office, which showed a population of approximately 13,400 residents. Four elections were conducted from July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005. On September 14, 2004 a State Primary was held. A total of 9,867 residents were registered of which 2,743 voted for a 28% voter turnout. November 2, 2004 was the General Election, which included the Presidential race. The town saw a large increase in voter registration during the period prior to the November election the total registered voters for that election was 10,238 of which 8,047 voted for a 79% voter turnout. The results are as follows:

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT**

<b>BADNARIK/CAMPAGNA</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>BUSH/CHENEY</b>	<b>2679</b>
<b>COBB/LAMARCHE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>KERRY/EDWARDS</b>	<b>5191</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

<b>TIERNEY</b>	<b>5688</b>
<b>O'MALLEY</b>	<b>1892</b>

**COUNCILLOR**

<b>MANNING</b>	<b>5119</b>
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**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

<b>MC GEE</b>	<b>5694</b>
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**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

<b>PETERSEN</b>	<b>5151</b>
<b>RANDALL</b>	<b>2447</b>

**SHERIFF**

<b>COUSINS</b>	<b>3986</b>
<b>MURLEY</b>	<b>3063</b>

The next election held was the April 26, 2005 Annual Town Election, there were 9,790 registered voters of which 2,137 voted for a 21.8% voter turnout. The results are as follows:

**MODERATOR**

<b>MARTIN GOLDMAN</b>	<b>1337</b>
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**SELECTMEN 2 members selected**

<b>MARC PASTER</b>	<b>1341</b>
<b>REID CASSIDY</b>	<b>1180</b>

**ASSESSOR**

<b>VERA HARRINGTON</b>	<b>1356</b>
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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2 members selected**

<b>SHELLEY SACKETT</b>	<b>1143</b>
<b>DAN YAEGER</b>	<b>1242</b>

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

<b>CARL REARDON</b>	<b>1261</b>
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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

<b>MARTHA PITMAN MD</b>	<b>1348</b>
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**PLANNING BOARD**

<b>JOHN V. PHELAN III</b>	<b>1269</b>
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

<b>BARBARA ELDRIDGE</b>	<b>1280</b>
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**QUESTION:**

**"SHALL THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SENIOR CENTER AS PART THE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT AT ESSEX STREET? YES: 1193 NO: 903**

June 14, 2005 saw a first for Swampscott, a menu override with 11 questions, there were 9808 registered voters of which 4962 voted for a 51% voter turnout. The questions are as follows, they all pertain to additional funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005

	YES	NO
<b>QUESTION 1</b>		
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT \$265,000</b>	<b>3038</b>	<b>1840</b>
<b>QUESTION 2</b>		
<b>LIBRARY \$30,000</b>	<b>2765</b>	<b>2084</b>
<b>QUESTION 3</b>		
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT \$180,000</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>1816</b>
<b>QUESTION 4</b>		
<b>STABILIZATION FUND \$28,000</b>	<b>1650</b>	<b>3103</b>
<b>QUESTION 5</b>		
<b>PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT \$15,000</b>	<b>1588</b>	<b>3187</b>
<b>QUESTION 6</b>		
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT \$8,500</b>	<b>1673</b>	<b>3097</b>
<b>QUESTION 7</b>		
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING \$6,000</b>	<b>2548</b>	<b>2262</b>
<b>QUESTION 8</b>		
<b>LAW DEPARTMENT \$10,000</b>	<b>1515</b>	<b>3259</b>
<b>QUESTION 9</b>		
<b>POSTAGE ACCOUNT \$7,500</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>3259</b>
<b>QUESTION 10A</b>		
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT \$2,750,000</b>	<b>2078</b>	<b>2819</b>
<b>QUESTION 10B</b>		
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT \$1,750,000</b>	<b>2573</b>	<b>2327</b>

At the July monthly meeting the commissioners adopted a new policy on filling vacancies to Town Meeting. The new policy is as follows "Vacancies in the Swampscott Representative Town Meeting shall be filled during the annual election process as follows: The highest vote getters shall fill the open and available three-year slots. The next highest vote getters shall fill the open and available two-year-slots. The next highest vote getters shall fill the open and available one-year slots. The maximum number of Town Meeting members at any one time shall never exceed 54 from each of the town's six precincts for a total of 324." This policy was written to eliminate any confusion as to how to fill vacant seats that occur prior to the Annual Town Election for Town Meeting. With the November 2004 general election new HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Regulations were set in place the Election Commission along with the Gino Cresta and the DPW brought up to code any polling locations that did not meet the new regulations, by updating the handicap accessibility at the Clark School and Swampscott High School.

The Election Commission accepted resignations from 3 commissioners whom all have moved out of Swampscott. In January 2005 Barbara Devereux who had been a commissioner since October 1997 submitted her letter of resignation. Edward Golden submitted his letter of resignation in June 2005, Ed had been a commissioner since September 1998. Linda Thompson submitted her letter of resignation also in June, Linda who had been a member since July 1994, was chairmen of the board. Linda as chairmen, as well as the other commissioners oversaw the entire election process from start to finish, spending long hours and days not only on the day of the election but the days preceding the election. All three have given timeless commitment to the Town and will surly be missed. The Commission welcomed aboard Sue Burgess as a new commissioner, she was appointed by the Selectmen in February 2005. As a member of the Swampscott League of Women Voters Sue's knowledge of elections will be a great help on the commission.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bruce Gordon, Director  
Chief Richard Carmody, Deputy Director  
Chief Ronald Madigan, Deputy Director

Local Emergency Management Agencies continue to be in the forefront of domestic preparedness and terrorism. The local agencies must prepare for and keep current an "All Hazard" plan as well as contingency plans for a variety of scenarios, both manmade and natural. The Swampscott Emergency Management Agency is committed to protecting and serving the residents of Swampscott no matter what comes our way.

The past year has been busy ensuring Swampscott maintains eligibility for and applies for all grants that come our way. We have received several State and Federal Grants last year to help offset the cost of maintaining preparedness. We continue to work with all local officials our readiness up. The Agency receives daily intelligence reports from State and Federal Agencies and reacts accordingly. Last fall the Town adopted a pre-hazard mitigation plan the Emergency Management developed with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. This will open the door to future federal money when it becomes available. The Agency is currently working with MAPC on notification systems and Information technology that can be brought into the field to assist.

Our priority still is a functional Emergency Operations Center. We look forward to the new High School that will become our primary shelter. This will be much more functional than our old one. We also are long overdue for a hurricane and this season has started off with a bang. Residents need to prepare for and be ready to immediately react if our area is threatened. We continue to work with police, fire, DPW and health officials to prepare the Town of any emergency.

I would like to thank Chief Carmody and Chief Madigan for all there help and support. Without Geno Cresta from Public Works and Jeff Vaughn from Public Health, I couldn't do my job. Many thanks to Andrew Maylor and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and guidance.

I continue to urge residents to prepare themselves for emergencies. Stay current to news and events. Follow official recommendations immediately. Maintain your own "shelter" – have extra food and water, flashlights and batteries, a portable radio, warm clothing and blankets, prescriptions and gas for your car. / These are common sense items that we New "Englanders" should have at all times. Stay in touch with you neighbors, especially the elderly and lend a hand when needed.



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Swampscott Fire Department is to provide optimum protection from fire loss, and to provide prompt and professional response to all medical emergencies. Although our primary objective is always to prevent loss of life and property through a proactive approach to fire prevention; however when fire does occur, it is to contain and extinguish it with minimum loss.

### **ORGANIZATION**

Our mission is also to respond to the needs of the community in the areas of fire protection and prevention, emergency medical services, and code enforcement. To accomplish this goal the department operates internally in 3 sections or divisions. The first is Administration, which includes the Chief of Department, the Training and Operations Officer (TOPS) and Fire Investigation Unit (FIU).

The TOPS (Training and Operations) officer works directly for the Chief of the Department and holds the rank of Lieutenant. He works days, giving him access to all the working shifts for training purposes. This position is vital, for it provides a stabilizing influence on the department and ensures that all shifts are current and consistent in their mandatory daily training.

Besides training, the TOPS officer, keeps training records for all fire personnel ranging from Massachusetts Fire Academy Classes, in house daily training, to state mandatory training. Also this year a complete and comprehensive list of all fire department equipment was started with bar codes and engraving placed on all town owned equipment. The process will be a department S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedure) for all new equipment that is bought for the department.

The TOPS position is also working with the department's computer information officer, who works closely with the town's information Technology Department to keep our department technically current. This is being done through new equipment and updated programs that assist in getting information from Internet based communications from Lynn fire alarm office and the apparatus on the street. The project has not been completed, but is well in the process.

The FIU unit is made up of one Lieutenant and two fighters who are normally assigned to suppression duty but have been trained in fire investigation, and do so, in addition to their normal duties. One member of the unit has received his state certification in Fire Investigation and the other two are taking classes from the state and federal government to achieve this goal. Their job is to investigate the cause and origin of all fires as mandated by Massachusetts law. The FIU unit is also comprised of Swampscott Police Department personnel who are also trained and continue to be trained, in fire investigation.

The second operating division is Fire Prevention. Captain Fessenden has operated this one-man office for the past year and is in charge of code enforcement; along with new construction plan review, and issuing all the necessary permits. He also inspects all homes that are sold, or refinanced, for properly operating smoke detectors. This office is also involved with any and all work that is done on oil burners in town, from tank removal to tank installation, as well as oil burner installation and repair. Between inspections and permitting, the Fire Prevention office will come in contact with over 1000 customers a year. Captain Fessenden obtained a grant and received 240 smoke detectors to be placed in the homes of senior citizens in town. The on duty personnel were more than happy to participate in this project, giving them the opportunity to interact with seniors in the community.

Additionally, the fire prevention office oversees the annual inspection of all commercial property and residential property containing three or more families. The suppression division carries this out during their daily tour of duty. This serves not only to get the buildings inspected for hazards, but for compliance to the Laws of the State and the laws governing the Town of Swampscott. The suppression divisions can acclimate themselves with the buildings' characteristics and surroundings, and note any problems or hazards that they may encounter during a fire.

Some of the other activities that revolve around fire prevention are our annual open house during fire prevention week, and public safety day, held in conjunction with the Swampscott Police Department. These programs could not be held without the assistance of our two S.A.F.E. program coordinators and instructors, Remo Zimbaldi, Shelia Scranton, off duty fire personnel, and the generous donations made to us from the local business (Stop&Shop, Papa Gino's, Local 1459).

The S.A.F.E. Program (Student Awareness of Fire Education) is funded by a state grant that the instructors apply for each year. Although small in amount, it has large beneficial return. The S.A.F.E. program instructors have been in the Middle School all year, teaching and demonstrating fire safety

techniques and programs. The sixth grade program involves the students in developing escape plans for their homes and families in case of fire or emergencies. The seventh grade program, which was presented this year at the S.A.F.E. annual conference in Westford Massachusetts for all the S.A.F.E. instructors and educators, was the S.A.F.E. sitters program. This program is for baby sitters, and consists of questions and answers, and an in depth discussion. There are a number of scenarios that may be encountered while watching younger children. The students are asked to solve a number of problems from fires to medical emergencies. This was a well-received program from all the students, teachers, and parents.

The third division is the Suppression/EMS division. The suppression division is made up of four subdivisions or shifts of nine very dedicated people. Each division works a rotating 24-hour shift to give the people of Swampscott 24/7 fire and emergency protection. The divisions are under the command of a captain who is in charge of running the shift.

This division is the heart of the fire department. These men and women answered 1906 calls for service from 7/01/2004 to 6/30/2005 of which 20 were for building fires, 53 fire incidents in buildings but not involving the building and 28 other types of fires not involving structures. We responded to 920 medical aids of which 51 were for motor vehicle accidents with injuries. The remaining 885 calls involved every conceivable type incident from mutual aid to water rescues. For its size the Town of Swampscott continues to be a very busy place.

### **PERSONNEL**

During the past year the fire department has had two members retire. They were firefighter Edward Johansen and Chief Laurence Galante. These men took with them over 60 years of knowledge and experience.

The town has appointed Captain Richard Carmody to the position of chief. Lieutenant John Quinn has been appointed to provisional Captain until the state Captain's exam marks have been certified. This will leave the department with three vacancies. Firefighters Jennifer Bleiker and Dan Waters have completed the 11 week recruit training class from the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow. The department now has 33 EMT's giving us an exceptional level of professionalism in providing emergency medical care. In addition, the town has a current contract with Action Ambulance Company to provide Advance Life Support ambulance service. This two-tiered system of medical service provides the town with an excellent EMS system that it deserves.

### **APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT**

The town received the new Ladder Tower this fall and it has proved to be a most remarkable piece of equipment. This Ladder truck came with many new tools and much needed small equipment, such as a dual set of jaws for rescue work. Chief Galante wrote a grant for 94,000 dollars, which was used to purchase all new Scott breathing apparatus for the department. Chief Carmody wrote another grant for 21,000 dollars for the purchase of a new thermal image camera, gas meter and turnout gear.

The department runs two fire engines, one of which should be retired, because of the constant maintenance problems and its age. The other is nearing its eighth year of heavy service, and should be replaced by a newer piece of equipment in the near future. Due to the budget constraints on the town this year, the department will wait for another year to ask for a replacement.

### **BUILDINGS**

The two buildings maintained by the fire department, Headquarters on Burrill Street and the Phillips Beach fire station on Phillips Avenue continue to show their age. The Phillips Beach station, which houses the Action Ambulance paramedic crews, could still use new windows and the exterior repaired and painted. Headquarters station has had a new second floor locker room and lockers put in as well as two of the dorms refurbished. The building still needs to have gutters and some minors repairs, followed by a fresh coat of paint.

### **CONCLUSION**

The fire department has evolved over the years to include EMS, haz-mat, fire prevention and a multitude of specialized rescue disciplines. The Swampscott Fire Department has been diligently working towards these goals. In the coming year we hope to increase our expertise in the areas of hazardous materials, firefighting techniques, and EMS protocols.

The Fire Department has appreciated the town's support over the last year, and vows to continue its dedication in providing the best possible service to the town in the coming year.



## Harbor Advisory Committee

Michael Gambale-Chairman

Lawrence P. Bithell  
Mark Mahoney

Paul DeBole  
Peter C. McCarriston

William F. Hennessey-Clerk

The Harbor Advisory Committee met on one occasion to discuss matters of interest and importance regarding the Swampscott waterfront.

In response to recent Commonwealth of Massachusetts legislation, the Town Administrator sought from the committee a recommendation for mooring fees. It had been the practice of the town to charge different fees for Swampscott residents and non-residents. Basis for differentiation was that residents already support many aspects of waterfront services with their real estate taxes. Such elements as pier and float maintenance, deployment of floats at the beginning of the boating season, removal and storage of floats at season's end, launch ramp maintenance, as well as Police and Fire Department support are examples of costs to the town covered by income generated from real estate taxes. As such, it was felt that folks from out of town who do not contribute to Swampscott's real estate tax base should pay a higher mooring fee as their fair share for costs mentioned previously.

In its infinite wisdom, the Massachusetts Legislature declared mooring fee discrimination among community residents and non-residents to be illegal. As a result, the Harbor Advisory Committee recommended to the Town Administrator that 2005 mooring fees be \$4.00 per linear foot of vessel for residents and non-residents alike. The previous year, fees were \$3.00 per foot for residents and \$6.00 per foot for non-residents. Based upon total linear footage of boats moored in Swampscott the previous year, the \$4.00 per foot non-discriminatory fee was calculated to generate the same amount of income as did the discriminatory fees in the previous year. The Town Administrator accepted the recommendation of the Harbor Advisory Committee and the \$4.00 per foot fee was established for all.

With much regret, the Harbor Advisory Committee accepted the resignation of long standing member, John J. O'Shea. Jack O'Shea had served with distinction for more than twenty-five years. His wisdom, counsel, and keen interest in all matters related to the Swampscott waterfront will be greatly missed. A vacancy on the Harbor Advisory Committee thus exists and interested residents are encouraged to apply.

The Harbor Advisory Committee, as the name stipulates, is an advisory group to the Board of Selectmen, to the Town Administrator, and to the community as a whole. Members are appointed by the Administrator for their expertise and special interest in matters effecting the Swampscott waterfront. As members, we appreciate the opportunity to be of service; however, we do realize full well that many in town have thoughts and ideas pertaining to the waterfront. We earnestly solicit those thoughts and ideas from any and all citizens with a view toward making this unique part of our town an even better community resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Gambale-Chairman  
William F. Hennessey-Clerk

## Harbormaster's Department

Lawrence P. Bithell-Harbormaster

Assistant Harbormasters

Roger Bruley  
William Hennessey  
Donald Petersen

Although off to a somewhat late start due to an inclement Spring, the 2005 boating season, as of this writing, did turn out to be quite pleasant. Weekend weather throughout the summer so far bordered on the ideal; thus, activity in and around Swampscott Harbor was quite brisk.

The number of vessels moored on Swampscott waters remained substantially the same as in the previous year at approximately two hundred boats. Further growth is a bit limited as, in due course, nature seeks to reclaim areas in the harbor which had been dredged several years ago. It appears that when one digs a hole in the ocean floor, "mother nature" wants to fill it right back in. As a result, larger vessels, particularly deep-keeled sailboats, must be positioned further out into Nahant Bay whereby they lose a measure of storm protection provided by Lincoln House Point. Growth is further inhibited by limited shore-side facilities such as parking, fuel availability, and pump-out accommodations. Nevertheless, those who are fortunate enough to have mooring space in Swampscott did seem to enjoy the boating season here. One particularly sour note effecting power boaters in particular related to the all-time high cost of fuel. Typical cost for gasoline at marina sources was \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon!

As the principal public safety officer upon Swampscott waters, your Harbormaster is responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local ordinances as they effect the waterfront. This encompasses many facets including:

1. With the assistance of the Town Clerk and Town Collector, manages the mooring permit system.
2. Establishes mooring equipment specifications tailored to specific vessels while at mooring.
3. Inspects mooring equipment to assure compliance with specifications.
4. Places mooring equipment in the harbor to assure proper spacing between vessels while ascertaining that vessels are located where sufficient depth exists to accommodate draft and swing requirements of specific vessels.
5. Patrols town waters with an eye toward boater and bather safety.
6. Performs rescues at sea from time to time as necessary.
7. Maintains town boat to assure suitability for its mission as an "emergency" vessel.
8. With his staff of Assistant Harbormasters, participates in ongoing training through the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council in conjunction with the North Shore Harbormasters Association.

The purpose of all of the foregoing elements of the Harbormaster's function is to make certain that boating upon Swampscott waters remains a safe and wholesome recreational pursuit for all.

The town boat, now in its twenty-sixth year, has become only marginally suitable for its purposes. Recognizing this fact, Town Meeting, with the support of the Capitol Improvement Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Town Administrator, did approve an expenditure to purchase and equip a new harbormaster's boat. It is anticipated that the new boat will be placed into service in time for the 2006 boating season.

Your Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters continue to be very active in the North Shore Harbormasters Association. This organization is comprised of Harbormaster's Departments from Winthrop to Salisbury and all coastal communities in between. As in previous years, we participated in essential training programs designed to enhance our competence and readiness to better serve the boaters of Swampscott. Because of our active involvement in this organization, a Swampscott student is eligible to compete for a \$1,000.00 college scholarship sponsored by the N.S.H.A. Those having internet access may log on to the N.S.H.A.'s web site, [www.harbormasters.org](http://www.harbormasters.org) where the Swampscott Harbormaster maintains a web page. Of interest also might be the Swampscott Yacht Club web site, [www.sycompass.com](http://www.sycompass.com) for information more locally attuned.

To be successful in accomplishing the department's mission, cooperation of many individuals, organizations, boards, and committees is essential. We therefore extend our appreciation to Town Meeting, to the Capital Improvement and Finance Committees, to the Board of Selectmen, to the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, and to the Town Administrator, To the Swampscott Yacht Club for the use of their launch service and for other considerations, and to the staffs for the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer/Collector, thanks for your help as well. Very special appreciation is extended to the Assistant Harbormasters who devote so much time on a voluntary basis. Finally, to the boaters whom we serve, we appreciate your cooperation and good will, for it is you who ultimately make boating such a wholesome and pleasurable pastime here in Swampscott.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence P. Bithell-Harbormaster  
William F. Hennessey-Assistant Harbormaster



## BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Martha Pitman, Chairman of the Board of Health, May 2005 to present  
Dr. Larry Block, Chairman of the Board of Health, July 2004 – May 2005  
Nelson Kessler

The Board of Health continues to be committed to promoting health and well being for the residents of Swampscott. The Board of Health values the importance of educating residents in many areas of public health and safety. As well, the Health Department works with many other departments and communities to ensure a sound environment.

### **STAFF CHANGES:**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Although June Blake, RN, BSN, resigned her position as the Public Health Nurse in February 2004 to take on an assignment with the Lynn Public Schools, she has been doing per diem work for the Health Department until a suitable replacement can be found and trained.

The Board of Health and Health Department would like to thank June Blake for her dedication to the health and welfare of each resident and employee. We are grateful for the many grants, programs, clinics and classes her tireless efforts incurred and wish her the best of luck in her future.

#### **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Trash and recycling continue to be the largest part of the Board of Health's day-to-day operation. The Health Department deals with multiple phone calls, questions, requests and complaints many of which need to be investigated before they can be resolved. Our recycling contracts, as well as the rubbish contract, is with Northside Carting, Incorporated. DeRosa Landfill Management is utilized for the recycling needs of the Schools and Municipal buildings.

Recycling continues under the direction of the Recycling Committee, as well as the chairman of recycling, Nelson Kessler. This year showed a decrease in recycling tonnage collected by ninety-three and six tenths tons (93.06). The Board urges all Swampscott residents to recycle more diligently as it is beneficial to the town, both ecologically and economically.

Our contract with Northside Carting has provisions for increased limits and bulk items. There is a drop-off area at the Department of Public Works yard on Paradise Road for the disposal of white goods (i.e.: washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters) and light clean iron only. This is different from the past metal drop-off days as we will not accept mixed materials. For example: bicycles must have all rubber tires and plastic removed before disposal. We will NOT accept any refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or microwave ovens. This is very important. Any materials that are not deemed recyclable will be returned to the Town of Swampscott and cost the taxpayers to dispose of it in an alternative way. If this system is abused it will be terminated.

In the past year, the Board of Health sponsored continuous white metal drop-offs and two (2) Cathode Ray Tubes drop-offs (CRTs). We collected approximately five hundred and twenty seven (527) televisions and computer monitors, as well as thirty-five (35) microwave ovens and various other electronic devices.

The 2005 hazardous waste drop-off was conducted with Clean Harbors for the residents of Swampscott. In 2005, hazardous waste drop-off was held in conjunction with the Marblehead Board of Health for both communities. We accepted one hundred eighty (180) carloads of waste products.

There were six (6) curbside leaf pickups. Also, the residents wishing to dispose of yard waste could purchase a sticker through the Department of Public Works for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and bring their leaves and grass clipping up to the Northside Carting facility on Swampscott Road.

#### **RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS**

Yearly inspections include approximately seventy (70) establishments in the Town of Swampscott. If a restaurant fails, Jeffrey Vaughan makes follow-up visits until that establishment is in compliance with the State Health and Sanitary codes. Yearly, the Health Department sends out permits to these establishments. This year the Board of Health voted to revoke the food permitting of Papa John's Ristorante due to the property and business owner's chronic failure to comply with Health and Building Code Regulations.

#### **BEACH TESTING**

Beach testing is performed weekly. We have seven (7) beaches that are required to be tested throughout the summer. There were no beaches closed in 2004 and only one beach closed in 2005. This season's beach testing began on June 15, 2005. Fisherman's beach was closed for two (2) days

from June 16, 2005 to June 18, 2005 for elevated bacteria count. It is speculated that the elevated count was caused by heavy rainfall less than one (1) day before beach samples were collected.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Swampscott Health Department is a participant in the North Shore – Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition, a fifteen (15) community coalition which meets monthly to plan resources and responses to public health threats and emergencies. Such emergencies would include terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases. The coalition has developed a website to enhance the communities' collective capacity to share these resources and to create a database of medical and non-medical volunteers.

### **TEAMWORK**

The Health Department is always eager to cooperate with other departments and communities for the good of all. One example of this is the Health Director offering his opinion to the Board of Selectmen regarding the health and safety concerns of the aging structure of Kid's Cove Playground resulting in the razing of the structure.

### **CLINICS**

#### **INFLUENZA**

The Board of Health conducted three (3) public flu clinics this past year. These clinics were held at Temple Beth El (2) and Town Hall (1). Our Public Health Nurse, June Blake, R.N. along with several volunteer nurses were able to immunize approximately one thousand two hundred (1200) individuals. The flu clinics were very successful due to the many volunteers that came forward to participate. We want to thank Rabbi Weinsberg for the use of the Temple Beth El facilities. We would also like to thank June Blake, R.N. (Public Health Nurse) for preparing all flu clinics for the town of Swampscott. The Public Health Nurse billed all senior health plans for the administration costs and collected a total of three thousand three hundred four dollars and five cents (\$3,304.05)

The Health Department thanked the volunteers of the flu clinics with a luncheon. We appreciate their support and commitment.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE**

As in previous years, the nurse performed twelve (12) scheduled blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center. The Health Department would like to thank Mary Curtis, RN, for taking on the responsibilities of this clinic while the search for a new Public Health Nurse took place.

#### **HEPATITIS A**

The Board of Health initiated a pilot program to all local restaurants, nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the purpose of educating their personnel about this disease. The Swampscott Board of Health in conjunction with GlaxoSmithKline offered an educational forum on Hepatitis A. Following the forum, Hepatitis A vaccinations were offered to all restaurant staff who took advantage of the program. These restaurants include: Red Rock Bar & Bistro, Thai Thani, The Bertram House, Caffe Paulina, and Lincoln's Landing.

#### **HEPATITIS B**

Hepatitis B vaccines continue for eligible town employees. Each new town worker for the Department of Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department and School Department may choose to be immunized against Hepatitis B. This is recommended especially for first responders who would be more at risk. Several employees were immunized in the past twelve months.

#### **TUBERCULOSIS**

The Public Health Nurse tested approximately fifty (50) Bertram House employees for Tuberculosis. The Bertram House purchased the solution and supplies.

#### **MENINGITIS**

In the past year, the meningitis program continued to be offered for all our high school seniors. We offered meningitis shots for all seniors interested and scheduled our fifth clinic for May 10, 2005. The clinic was cancelled as no student wished to receive the immunization or had planned to be immunized by their family physician. We continue to educate individuals on the disease meningitis and the importance of immunization against this disease.

#### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

#### **DISPENSEMENT**

Each month the Public Health Nurse travels to Tewksbury State Hospital for the Massachusetts Public Health Nurses meeting. At this time she also picks up any immunizations that will be needed by the doctors in the Town of Swampscott. The public health nurse logs in the lot numbers and expiration



dates and dispenses the medications as needed. This includes all of the flu vaccine immunizations that the doctors are allotted by the State of Massachusetts. It is also the responsibility of the public health nurse to account for all the vaccinations that are returned by the doctors for any reason. These medications must then be returned to Tewksbury State Hospital. The Public Health Nurse also took part in monthly meetings to network with other communities held at the Tewksbury State Hospital.

#### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

Our Public Health Nurse tracked all communicable diseases in the town, watching closely for any clusters or outbreaks. In July 2004 the Health Department had a positive cast of Hepatitis A at Bertucci's Restaurant. The Public Health Nurses from Swampscott and Marblehead administered approximately forty (40) doses of Immune Globulin resulting from this incident. The Swampscott Health Department would like to thank the Marblehead Public Health Nurse, Rochelle Bartlett, for her help in this matter.

In September 2004, a local Pop Warner Cheerleader tested positive for Pertussis. All those who had been in contact with her were notified and placed on antibiotics. No other cases were noted.

#### **GRANTS**

##### **COLLABORATIVE ON HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (CHE)**

The Swampscott Board of Health has been awarded a grant in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) from the Collaborative on Health and the Environment for mercury hazard education.

##### **MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

The Swampscott Health Department was given grant money from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association to perform health educational programs to the Municipal Employees who participate in the insurance program. Some of the programs offered this year were: Heart Ventures, a heart healthy pilot program, healthy cooking, therapeutic chair massage, men's health issues and yoga. We would like to thank the Swampscott High School, Public Library and Fire Department for helping to make these programs such a great success.

##### **NORTHSHORE & CAPE ANN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION**

The Northshore & Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to respond to public health threats and emergencies such as bio-terrorism and outbreaks of infectious disease.

The monies received by the North Shore and Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition must be earmarked for Health Department needs only. The money cannot be turned over to the general funds. The City of Salem is the host community and disperses funding to each community in accordance with population and need.

Swampscott received seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from this grant to purchase emergency equipment including computer technology, as well as, a generator, projector and screen, bullhorn, foul weather gear and various sundries such as rope, blankets, caution tape, and etcetera.

#### **CAMP INSPECTIONS**

In June of each year, the Director and Public Health Nurse inspected nine (9) summer camps for the purpose of meeting the regulations developed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and local rules. This is another state required mandate that must be done for the safety of our children. This inspection included a thorough investigation of the campsite to insure that the environment was safe for the attending children.

- Safe structures and equipment
- Sanitary facilities
- Adequate supervision of the campers at all times
- Plans and protocols in place for medical emergencies, including medicine administration, natural and physical disasters
- Sufficient health care coverage
- Injury and fire prevention protocols
- CORI and SORI checks for all employees
- To ensure that there is a health supervisor on site over the age of eighteen (18) who knows first aid and CPR
- Up to date immunization records for staff and campers

## **REGULATIONS**

The Board of Health mandated that all establishments selling fish post consumer advisories noting the potential hazards of mercury ingestion to women of childbearing age, nursing mothers or children under the age of twelve (12).

## **WEST NILE VIRUS PROTOCOL**

The Board of Health continues to support the West Nile protocol, which was developed in conjunction with the Pesticide Awareness Committee and North East Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District. The Swampscott Board of Health is also investigating other methods of combating the mosquito problem that will be safe for the environment and residents of Swampscott. In the past year, Swampscott sent one (1) crow into the Massachusetts State Laboratory for testing. The results were negative.

## **NORTH SHORE WELLNESS FAIR**

This year's North Shore Wellness Fair was another huge success. We were able to offer health screenings, educational materials, a 5k road race, fun and entertainment for all ages. The Swampscott Health Department performed hundreds of bone density screening and body fat analysis. The Health Villi support group hosted a booth on Celiac Disease, which was staffed by our own Dr Martha Pitman, appearing on behalf of the Board of Health and a concerned Mom. Planning has already begun for next year's event.

## **MINI HEALTH FAIR**

The Health Department participated in a mini health fair at the Council on Aging Senior Center by offering screenings for cholesterol, bone density, glucose, and blood pressure. Also available were chair massage, body fat analysis, ask the dietician and an informational table.

## **CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

The Health Department attended conferences or were educated in the following:

- Massachusetts Health Officers Association Conference
- Terrorism, Preparedness and Public Health
- Incident Command Systems
- National Incident Management Systems
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis C

## **OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

The Health Department participates in the following committees:

- The Senior Outreach Committee
- Health Advisory Committee

The Health Department continues to offer a sponsorship program with Salem State College. A nursing student could spend an internship with the Department of Public Health to get perspective on Public Health Nursing and the duties and responsibilities associated with the Department of Health.

## **VITAL STATISTICS**

The Town of Swampscott welcomed one hundred seventeen (117) new residents with males outnumbering the females. There were sixty-one (61) males and fifty-six (56) females born. Congratulations to all!

This year there were one hundred ninety-two (192) deaths in Swampscott. The leading cause of death was cardiac conditions followed by respiratory failure and various cancer conditions.

In closing, we would like to thank all the dedicated staff and volunteers for making July 2004 through June 2005 a very dynamic and triumphant time for the Board of Health.

## **Historical Commission**

The Historical Commission was fortunate to receive two grants this year. Most importantly, the larger grant came from the Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board. This grant will allow us to review, organize and assess the collection of historical material in the Town Hall. We will also receive reports and recommendations on the condition of the collection, climate control requirements, and proper storage and cataloging methods.

The other grant, from the Essex National Heritage Commission is for the purchase of archival supplies to help preserve the items in the Commission's archive. Long range plans for the archive are to develop a comprehensive catalog of our holdings, and to make it more accessible to the public as a research tool.

In May 2005, the Commission held it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Restoration and Preservation Awards presentation. The awards were given to private, public, and commercial buildings that exemplify the preservation of the varied historic architectural styles in town.

We are working closely with the Building Inspector enforcing the Demolition Review Bylaw, and have so far resolved all applications for demolition that meet its criteria.

The Commission would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and Andrew Maylor for their support of our efforts to preserve Swampscott's history and heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Best,  
Chairman



## SWAMPSCOTT HOUSING AUTHORITY

James L. Hughes, Chairman

Albert DiLisio  
Barbara Eldridge

Marianne McGrath  
Patricia Krippendorf

Due to the financial constraints placed on the Housing Authorities throughout the state by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), major modernization projects in public housing are effectively on hold indefinitely except for major emergencies. The Swampscott Housing Authority has had to adjust its goals accordingly; therefore, during Fiscal Year 2004-2005, the prime focus of the Authority has been on quality of tenant life issues. The last major modernization project, the replacement of boilers and the hot water systems at Duncan Terrace, was closed out with acceptance of the system and final payment to the contractor, Poirier & Springer, Inc., HVAC Mechanical Contractors of Billerica, MA. Executive Director, Donna McDonald has continued to address issues of quality of life in our public housing communities. New chain link fencing was installed at Doherty Circle in an effort to provide greater tenant security, new fencing chain link fencing was installed also at the Margaret Kelly Family Housing Community. Two new Maytag washers and two new Maytag dryers were purchased and installed in the Duncan Terrace laundry room for use by the tenants at a nominal cost. Four additional parking spaces were constructed at the Margaret Kelly Family Housing Community. With the addition of the four new parking spaces, every unit in family housing now has one off street parking spot thus alleviating a major parking problem during the winter parking ban. Acknowledgement is made to the Department of Public Works and Gino Cresta, Superintendent of Public Works, for their cooperation in approving the necessary curb cuts for the new parking spaces. To better serve the public, the Swampscott Housing Authority changed its administrative office hours; on every Wednesday the office is open from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM.

Other accomplishments during FY 2004-05 include the repair and replacement of a deteriorated gas line at Duncan Terrace. The failure of a segment of the Duncan Terrace infrastructure installed during initial construction is a precursor of anticipated failures in the future. With self-help, in-house resources, the Authority reconstructed a porch and balcony at Duncan Terrace; another example of original 50 year old construction succumbing to the ravages of time, but repaired by the housing staff.

After the Marblehead Housing Authority suffered a catastrophic failure of the sprinkling system in elderly housing in the renovated Rhodes School, the Swampscott Housing Authority assisted Marblehead by providing housing for two elderly Marblehead tenants temporarily displaced by the extensive water damage both the real estate and tenants' personal property. The two tenants have since returned to Marblehead. In January 2005, the Authority, like the rest of the town, coped with the extraordinary snow fall of the storm of January 21, 2005. Many hours of overtime and emergency contract services were required to remove the snow that fell in that storm. Fortunately we qualified for reimbursement of some of the snow removal expense from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

For the first time in the history of the Swampscott Housing Authority the Authority was forced by circumstances to temporarily suspend accepting applications for housing for units at the family housing. The Executive Director recommended to the Board of Governors the closing of the lists since as of January, 2005 the two bedroom waiting list was over 200 applicants for 20 units, and the three bedroom list was over 100 applicants for 16 units. With the turn-over of tenants at the family housing community being approximately only four per year, the expectation of housing a new application is very unlikely within 8-10 years. The Board concluded that considering the administrative time involved processing applications with little likelihood of placement in reasonable time, further acceptance of applications was an inefficient allocation of scarce resources better utilized in managing the current work load.

The Housing Authority has continued its relationship with a specialized soft-ware developer, Sam Stone of CyberSense Training & Consulting, to perfect the many systems Mr. Stone has developed specifically for the smaller housing authorities. The regular use of the specialized software has led to the obsolescence of much of the paperwork associated with the administration of over one hundred public housing units. The Housing Authority continues to cooperate with the sponsoring churches and synagogues of Swampscott and with the Swampscott Senior Center in the distribution of donated food at Duncan Terrace and Doherty Circle. Once a month, the Inter-Faith Food Pantry provides free food for elderly and handicapped residents of Duncan Terrace and Doherty Circle. Many of the residents of our



elderly/handicapped communities count on these bags of groceries, so generously provided by the Food Pantry, to tie them over to the beginning of the month. The tenants and the Authority are very grateful to the Inter-Faith Food Pantry, the Swampscott Senior Center personnel and the volunteers of each of the organization for their generous contribution of time and money to our needy and infirmed.

Once again the Swampscott Housing Authority would like to thank Swampscott Police Patrolman, Saverio (Savy) Caruso for his invaluable assistance as the Swampscott Police Department liaison to the Housing Authority. The Authority wishes to acknowledge the assistance of the Swampscott Fire and Police Departments and the Action Ambulance Company for their consistently professional, yet compassionate demeanor while responding to the numerous medical assistance and "Are You Ok Calls" especially at the elderly/handicapped communities.

In the April, 2004 Swampscott Town Election, James Hughes was re-elected to the Board of Governors of the Swampscott Housing Authority and in the April, 2005 Swampscott Town Election, Barbara Eldridge was re-elected to the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors, the Executive Director, and the staff of the Swampscott Housing Authority continue to be committed to providing safe, comfortable and affordable housing for qualified tenants.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Hughes  
Chairperson

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Swampscott Public Library can boast of another very active year in town. The library is multifaceted, functioning as the local bookstore, computer center and community center. The library's attendance, patron usage of our computers and circulation of materials have all increased.

Once again we have been fortunate to receive some helpful grants to enhance services at the library. We received a Community Language Grant of \$18,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners which we are utilizing this year. This grant allowed us to purchase more Russian language materials. It also allowed us to offer a multitude of Russian programs, which included Russian authors, poets, children's performances and art displays. The grant also enabled us to purchase crossover materials from Russian to English. We have added numerous classic videos for Russians and Americans, as well, to view in order to get a perspective of our country. The grant made possible Russian language classes. We had received requests from patrons for a basic Russian language class and with the money from the grant we were able to offer these classes for three months. The staff at the library also took advantage of these Russian classes in order to better serve our patrons. The high circulation numbers at the library are due in part to our large Russian population. Approximately 25% of all materials circulated are done so by the Russian community.

We also received, through the Friends of the Swampscott Public Library, a grant from WALMART for \$500. This money will enable us to provide more programming in the Children's Room.

This year the library, as well as other town agencies, was faced with a cutback in funding. Thankfully because of the good will of our voters, we received an override, which allows us to continue to provide the same level of service.

The library staff is constantly trying to fulfill the needs of the townspeople and to provide varied programs for their enjoyment. This year we started the first annual Lee Golomb Cadiff Poetry Contest for students who either live in Swampscott or attend Swampscott schools. We had an unbelievable response to this contest. We received over 300 entries from students grade 6 through 12. This contest was funded through the generosity of Norma Cadiff Finn in honor of her mother who loved poetry. Mrs. Finn has pledged her support for future yearly contests. The winners received monetary awards, poetry books and certificates.

The other ongoing programs: books discussion groups, historical discussions groups, computer classes and a movie discussion group have continued to be well attended. We were able to welcome the North Shore Orchid Society to the library this year. They held monthly meetings here and participated in a Friends' sponsored library program as well.

One of the highlights of the year, for the past three years, has been our "Friends Event". We began three years ago with a "Chocolate Tasting Party" followed the next year with a "Tea Party". This year the Friends sponsored a "Garden Party". This event has proven to be one of the most popular programs of the year. We had a guest speaker from the North Shore Orchid Society and a speaker on ecologically safe gardening. We had over 70 people attend all of these events.

In keeping with our mission, we also try to present local authors and their works here at the library. This year we presented Yetti Frenkel in the Children's Room. Yetti has written many books, illustrated books and created the beautiful mural on the wall of the Children's Room. We also presented Nancy Schultz, a Swampscott resident and professor at Salem State College who spoke on her book *Salem: Place, Myth and Memory*. Local poet, Diane Kendig also provided a well-attended program during poetry week at the library.

The Friends of the Swampscott Public Library continue to be very supportive of library activities. They purchase rental books for those patrons who don't wish to be placed on a waiting list for a best seller. They have purchased numerous museum passes for our patrons' use (Children's Museum, Science Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, John F. Kennedy Library, The Peabody/Essex Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Stone and Franklin Park Zoos). The Friends also support

summer children's programming, teen programming, and pay for the printing and postage of our newsletter.

As in years past, the library could not exist without the many volunteers who come and help out. Our newsletter ladies meet every other month and fold, stamp and package 1,000 newsletters for distribution throughout the town. Those volunteers who come to the library and help us to process books, read shelves, and other tasks are the lifeblood of the building. Without all of these capable people, we would be unable to provide the services that we do.

In conclusion, it is because of the dedication of the staff, and the Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library that the Swampscott Public Library can offer so many programs and services to the town. It is because of the support of the town that the library is a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyce Deveau  
Library Director

#### **BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

John Karwowski, Chairman

Joanne van der Burg, Vice Chair

Carl Reardon, Secretary

#### **LIBRARY STAFF**

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Sandra Moltz, Reference Librarian  
Elizabeth Coughlin, Children's Librarian  
Marcia Harrison, Cataloguer  
Barbara Wermuth, Tech Aide  
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Maralyn Keay, Library Aide  
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## MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Swampscott Representative  
Joseph J. Balsama



The MBTA Advisory Board is made up of representatives from 175 cities and towns that are serviced by the MBTA. The office is located at 177 Tremont Street, 4th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-1020. Paul Regan is the Executive Director. The telephone number is (617) 426-6054, Fax: (617) 451-2054, E-mail: advbrd@erols.com; web site: www.mbtaadvisoryboard.org. The function of the Board is to advise the MBTA on policy matters and approve the operating budget. The Advisory Board's budget can be no more than one-quarter of one percent of the MBTA assessments on cities and towns. For the 2005 calendar year the Advisory Board budget was \$345,145.

The chairman is David Cohen, the mayor of Newton; Vice-Chairs are Margaret Ishihara of Wareham and Michael J. McGlynn of Medford; the clerk is Vineet Gupta of Boston.

Meetings of the full Advisory Board were held on November 4, 2004, April 1, 2005, June 7, 2005. All meetings were held on the second floor of the State Transportation Building at 10 Park Plaza in Boston.

The MBTA services the Town of Swampscott directly through buses and commuter rail, and indirectly by the Blue Line, when commuters drive to Wonderland in Revere and park and board the Blue Line trains for Boston. The Blue Line extension to Lynn has been approved by congress and will probably be completed in 2012. The latest train and bus schedules, which change four times a year are available at Fiory's Variety Store, the Town Clerk's Office, the Swampscott Public Library and several other places around town. You can buy commuter rail tickets at Fiory's. THE RIDE, (the MBTA's paratransit service), which transports people with disabilities, is administered by the Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc.(GLSS), 105 Summit Drive Peabody, MA 01960. The telephone is (978) 573-9300. More information can be obtained from the Swampscott Council On Aging at (781)-596-8866.

Some items that may directly affect the citizens of Swampscott:

1. Swampscott's MBTA FY 2006 assessment is \$269,955 compared to \$312,448 in FY 2005; that is down \$42,493 or 13.00%. The assessments will rise in FY 2007 and continue to do so at 2.5% or the consumer price index, whichever is less.
2. During the fall of 2004 the new Neoplan (new buses), began replacing the older buses (RTS's) on most routes.
3. At the November 4, 2004 meeting, Mayor David Cohen, asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the late Peter Torigian, former chairman of the Advisory Board and long-time Mayor of Peabody.
4. The State Street station on the Blue Line is in the process of being renovated to accommodate six car trains.
5. The new 94 cars for the the Blue line probably will begin arriving in late 2005.
6. On July 9, 2004, demolition at the Charles Street (Massachusetts General Hospital ) station on the Red Line, began. It will be replaced by a station from which there is easy access to the Massachusetts General Hospital.
7. Boston's newest rapid transit line opened on December 17, 2004 (Phase II of the Silver Line) It is the first Bus Rapid Transit Subway in Boston. (Swampscott Residents can travel to Pier IV, the new South



Boston Court House, and the World Trade Center by taking the Red Line to South Station and going up one level to board the buses)

8. December 30, 2004 was the 100th Anniversary of the opening of The Blue Line

9. On May 17, 2005, the Charlie Cards (automatic fare cards) began being implemented at Airport Station on the Blue Line. Eventually they will be used throughout the system

10. On June 1, 2005, Silver Line buses began traveling from South Station to Logan Airport. Swampscott residence will probably will continue to use the Blue Line to the state-of- art Airport Station.

11. Michael Mulhern stepped down as General Manager of the MBTA and has been replaced by Daniel Grabauskas, the former Secretary of Transportation.

12. On June 24, 2005, the MBTA ended its night owl service, because of poor ridership and budget restraints.

## METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning and economic development district representing 101 cities and towns in metropolitan Boston. In addition, the Council shares oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program as one of 14 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Council's legislative mandate is to provide technical and professional resources to improve the physical, social and economic condition of its district, and to develop sound responses to issues of regional significance. The Council provides research, studies, publications, facilitation and technical assistance in the areas of land use and the environment, housing, transportation, water resources management, economic development, demographic and socioeconomic data, legislative policy and interlocal partnerships that strengthen the operation of local governments. More information about MAPC is available at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

The Council is governed by 101 municipal government representatives, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 10 state and 3 City of Boston officials. An Executive Committee composed of 25 members oversees agency operations and appoints an executive director. The agency employs approximately 30 professional and administrative staff. Funding for Council activities is derived from contracts with government agencies and private entities, foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment charged to municipalities within the district.

In the past year, the Council has focused on initiatives that respond to regional challenges, some of which include:

**MetroFuture -- Making a Greater Boston Region:** State law requires that MAPC prepare, from time to time, a comprehensive regional plan. This planning process is now underway and is called the *MetroFuture* initiative. It started by asking the people of Greater Boston about their aspirations for the future of the region, and continues with a comparison between those visions and the future that will arise if our current trends continue unchanged. We are finding both exciting prospects and interesting challenges lie ahead if we continue our current pattern of growth and development. Here are just a few of the results, out to the year 2030:

- **Population will grow slowly, while the number of households will grow more quickly.** By 2030, the region's population will have increased by 10%, approximately a third as fast as the projected U.S. population growth (29%). The number of households is projected to increase by 19% for that same time period, at a greater rate than the population, due to a continued decline in household size.
- **Consumption of land continues apace.** Fifteen percent of land that was open in 2000 will be developed by 2030.
- **An older population will demand more homes and health care.** There will be declines in all age groups under 55 and substantial increases in empty-nesters and elders, creating demand for different housing and contributing to an expected near-tripling of health care costs from 2000 to 2030.
- **Water in short supply outside the MWRA.** Communities with public water systems not connected to the MWRA system will face serious water constraints by 2030; approximately half will exceed their permitted withdrawal rates.

These are among the results that will serve as a starting point for discussions across the region about alternative paths the region could take, beginning with a series of briefings early in 2006. Visit [www.MetroFuture.org](http://www.MetroFuture.org) to learn more about the project, and contact [MetroFuture@mapc.org](mailto:MetroFuture@mapc.org) to learn about how to host a briefing about the region's future.

**Municipal Planning:** MAPC continues to assist municipalities in implementing Smart Growth Principles through local zoning changes. Under the Vision 2020 program, MAPC provided zoning analyses or draft bylaws to the towns of Duxbury, Stoughton and Hanover. Through FY05 funding from Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grants, MAPC assisted Topsfield in developing

a Low Impact Development storm-water and erosion control bylaw. Under funding secured through the Priority Development Fund, MAPC is developing mixed use or multi-family bylaws for the towns of Bedford, Stow, Millis, Southborough and Stoughton. Just recently, MAPC received notice of approval of its application for Smart Growth Technical Assistance funds to assist the towns of Hopkinton, Ashland and Southborough in examining alternative futures for the 900 acre Weston Nurseries property. MAPC also continues to provide information to municipalities regarding the Smart Growth Overlay Districts enabled under Chapter 40R.

**Metro Mayors Coalition:** MAPC works with the mayors and city managers of 10 municipalities in the urban core on issues such as group purchasing, employee health insurance, regional public safety, and municipal public finance. Through this work, MAPC staffed the statewide Municipal Finance Task Force which reached consensus on a variety of public policy changes to reinvigorate the partnership between local and state government. We also formulated an \$11 million grant program to fund inter-local and multi-disciplinary approaches to stemming the tide of youth violence, drug use, and gang activities in the region. This program became law late in 2005.

**The Metro Data Center,** an official US Census affiliate, provides in-depth analysis of trends in the region and conducts research on emerging issues that will strengthen the Council's ability to plan for the future. The Center works to increase public understanding of and access to demographic, social, economic and land use data and trends that affect the Boston metropolitan area. The Center also releases regular publications to maintain a general awareness about how growth continues to impact communities. The Center provides current accurate data to legislators, municipalities, public and private agencies, and the general public about growth trends in the communities and subregions of the greater Boston area.

**Transportation planning:** MAPC staff played an active role in helping to revise the MassHighway Design Manual, now known as the Project Development and Design Guidebook. As vice chair of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, MAPC worked to develop the annual Transportation Improvement Program, including transportation spending priorities for the region. We also developed population and employment projections to the year 2030, to be used in scenario modeling in the new Regional Transportation Plan and MetroFuture (see above) in 2006.

**Legislative Advocacy:** The Legislative Committee has worked to promote legislation that is of regional interest and is informed by smart growth principles (visit [http://www.mapc.org/regional\\_planning/MAPC\\_Smart\\_Growth.html](http://www.mapc.org/regional_planning/MAPC_Smart_Growth.html) to view the list of principles).

At the beginning of the legislative session the Committee recommended for endorsement a full legislative agenda, which was subsequently endorsed by MAPC's Executive Committee. Among many items, the priorities include reform of the state's surplus land disposition policy; recapitalization of the brownfields redevelopment fund; reform of the state's antiquated zoning laws; and repeat offender legislation. Contact Legislative Director Joel Barrera at [jbarrera@mapc.org](mailto:jbarrera@mapc.org) to learn more about the committee's priorities and how your community can get involved in regional advocacy efforts.

**Metropolitan Highway System Advisory Board:** MAPC staffs this board, established in 1997 by the Commonwealth to advise the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority on issues relative to land use, air rights, zoning, and environmental impacts associated with development of land owned by the authority. In 2005, the Board reviewed a number of Requests for Proposals and development proposals for various parcels along the Central Artery surface.

**Regional Services Consortiums:** The Regional Consortiums Project collectively procured more than \$3,000,000 in office supplies for 32 municipalities, and highway maintenance services valued at \$16,000,000 for South Shore and MetroWest cities and towns. The project also facilitates collegial forums among members' chief administrative officers that focus on collective



problem solving and resource sharing. MAPC, in partnership, with the Greater Boston Police Council, assists over 300 units of local government in procuring police, public works and general use vehicles, along with various public safety supplies.

**Public Safety and Homeland Security:** MAPC provides planning and fiduciary services to the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC), the Northeastern Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) and the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (METROLEC). Activities include procurement, research, and planning to enhance the delivery of public safety services and to ensure the region is prepared for either a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

**Hazard Mitigation:** *Pre-Disaster Mitigation* (PDM) plans help communities prepare for natural disasters such as floods, winter storms, wind, and geologic hazards. In 2005, MAPC completed PDM plans for 10 communities on the North Shore and 10 communities on the South Shore. MAPC is also developing PDM plans for 9 Inner Core communities, including Boston and neighboring communities, which will be completed in 2006. FEMA has awarded a grant to MAPC to develop PDM plans in 28 towns in the MAGIC, MetroWest, and North Suburban subregions, beginning in 2006.

**495/MetroWest Water Resources Strategy:** Working with the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, MAPC completed three major components of a comprehensive water strategy for the corridor:

- the *Massachusetts Low Impact Development Toolkit*, available at <http://www.mapc.org/lid.html>, was published and two regional workshops were held to present the toolkit to the public. The toolkit recently received the 2005 Outstanding Planning Project Award from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association;
- *Once Is Not Enough*, a guide to water reuse in Massachusetts, was published. It is available at [http://www.mapc.org/regional\\_planning/waterreuse.html](http://www.mapc.org/regional_planning/waterreuse.html); and
- two regional contracts for Leak Detection Services were developed for both the 495/MetroWest communities, as well as all the entire MAPC region. Learn more about leak detection services that are available to cities and towns in MAPC's January edition of the *Regional Record*, our electronic newsletter, located at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:** Every five years, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in partnership with the Economic Development Administration. The 2005 CEDS, *Insuring Greater Boston's Prosperity*, contains an analysis of economic trends and conditions and highlights five challenges to economic well-being. It sets a context for inviting regional participation that moves toward a regional response to the challenges. The report is included in the January edition of MAPC's *Regional Record*, available at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

**Wind Power:** Using a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, MAPC recently completed a project to help ten North Shore coastal communities understand opportunities and obstacles to siting land-based wind turbines on municipally-controlled properties. The project helped the communities to identify regulatory barriers to wind, and the environmental and financial impacts of a wind project. Area residents took part in a web-based energy survey and each community received wind information and siting maps. MAPC hosted two wind educational forums as part of the project, helped the city of Lynn to draft a wind turbine siting ordinance and facilitated the creation of Alternative Energy Committees in Gloucester, Swampscott and Rockport to advance the siting of wind turbines in their communities. Information about the North Shore Wind Project is also included in the January *Regional Record* at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

**MEPA Project Reviews:** MAPC reviews projects under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and submits comments on projects with significant regional impacts. In 2005, MAPC reviewed 166 MEPA filings (Environmental Notification Forms, Environmental Impact Reports,



and Notices of Project Change), and submitted comments to EOEA on 58 of these. One of the most significant reviews of the year was a "Peer Review" conducted by MAPC and the Old Colony Planning Council on the proposed *Village Center Plan* for the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station. Visit

[http://www.mapc.org/whats\\_new/SWNAS/SWNAS\\_Summary\\_Document.pdf](http://www.mapc.org/whats_new/SWNAS/SWNAS_Summary_Document.pdf) to view our comments.

**North Shore Task Force (Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Manchester by the Sea, Marblehead, Middleton, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham)**

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- Review and input into the Massachusetts 25-Year Transportation Plan.
- Participation in the MAPC program to make its subregional task forces more effective
- Worked to review and comment on UPWP and TIP priority projects for the subregion.
- Helped to facilitate discussion and planning for the anticipated Route 127 Scenic Byway Corridor project in conjunction with the Essex National Heritage Commission and Representative Mary Grant's office.
- Sponsored an informational planning forum on MAPC's coordinating efforts behind the Northeast Homeland Security program.
- Continued to take an active role in the discussion of how to make MAPC subregions more effective and how to attract a wider, more diverse set of subregional participants.
- Offered timely review and input into MAPC' Legislative Committee at all NSTF meetings.
- Hosted a multi-agency forum including MAPC and the Massachusetts Bays Program on Low Impact Development techniques and MA water reuse case studies.
- The NSTF was an active partner with CHAPA and the North Shore Housing Trust in the Essex County Home At Last Affordable Housing project.
- Received and reviewed the MAPC Executive Report on a monthly basis.
- Worked in collaboration with the North Suburban Planning Council Coordinator to learn how their communities had successfully completed Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans.
- Offered presentations and worked with North Shore communities on developing an affordable housing "tool kit" with the Department of Housing and Community Development and how to form a local housing trust with the North Shore Housing Trust.
- Hosted workshops on how to work with 40 R regulatory changes as well as on MA Historic Preservation case studies.
- Took part in the MAPC Bike Survey process and gave input into the draft Regional Bike Plan.

The NSTF Coordinator actively engaged with the region with focus on the following projects:

- Followed up on the adoption of EO 418 Community Development Plans in 2004 by working with Swampscott to plan for a mixed-use district and with Essex to create an Open Space Residential Design bylaw. Staff also reviewed alternative plans for the redevelopment of the Rockport train station, including its potential as a mixed use and Transit Oriented Development district.

- Completed the ten-community North Shore Wind Project. Results of the project included the formation of Renewable Energy Committees in Swampscott, Gloucester and Rockport to actively identify wind turbine sites. A draft wind turbine siting ordinance was completed for the Lynn Renewable Energy Committee to help the city site two large wind turbines to power the Lynn Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Followed up on the successful 2004 Regional Housing meeting by working with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, the Essex County Forum, and the North Shore Housing Trust to sponsor the North Shore Regional Housing Workshop.
- Using an EPA Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant, the NSTF Coordinator worked with the town of Topsfield to draft both a model Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw and Stormwater and Erosion Control Regulations. The model bylaw was adopted at town meeting in May and MAPC has continued to work with Topsfield to craft the regulations, sharing results with MAPC communities, particularly the NSTF and those involved with the 1-495 Water Strategy.
- Served on the Steering Committee of the Essex County Forum to help develop a visual, results-oriented Smart Growth policy for all of Essex County.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

**ANNUAL REPORT – 2004 (Short Form)  
JANUARY 1, 2004 – DECEMBER 31, 2004**

**Mary R. Marrs - Swampscott Representative  
North Shore Regional Vocational School District School Committee**

**Amelia P. O'Malley, Superintendent-Director  
North Shore Regional Vocational School District**

### **Merger Study**

In December the Senate and House of Representatives unanimously voted on Chap 463 of the Acts of 2004 which calls for the merger of North Shore Regional Vocational School District and Essex Agricultural School. The legislation requires a positive vote of 75 % of the communities to join the "new" district and construct a new school on the Essex Aggie campus. A recently named temporary oversight board will oversee all aspects of the planning and construction of the new school. The oversight board will consist of members of the North Shore School committee, Essex Agricultural's Board of Trustees and a representative from Danvers and Peabody.

### **Administration**

The North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee, comprised of one member appointed to represent each member community, is the governing body of the School District. The Superintendent-Director and the administrative team carry out the policies of the District School Committee and oversee the daily operation of the school.

### **Enrollment**

Student enrollment as of October 1, 2004 was 459. Students cite the interpersonal relationships with teachers, counselors, and administration, and the vocational programs as the reasons for application. There continues to be a shortage of space for classrooms, shop areas, the library and the cafeteria. In addition, an auditorium is needed.

Students participate in programs in Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Commercial Art, Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Information Systems Technology, Graphic Arts, Health Technology, Machine Technology, Marketing and Information Systems and Masonry. In addition, our Job Skills Training, a special education program, also encourages inclusion into many of the technical/vocational areas.

### **Curriculum**

The new courses added to the Mathematics Curriculum last year have grown this year. There are two sections of 11<sup>th</sup> grade Integrated Mathematics, a course for those who have had some level of algebra and geometry but who need more experience before moving on, or who may need further preparation for the MCAS mathematics test. The new 12<sup>th</sup> grade course in Discrete Mathematics continues to develop, as



was hoped, into a mainstay of the upper level curriculum. This year's class is a strong, healthy group of 16 students, all of whom have completed Algebra II and most of whom have college aspirations. This class is an active, creative experience which is a departure from the routine mathematics curriculum, and the students appear to truly enjoy the class. Weekly use of the wireless laptops continues to be a central part of the curriculum. MCAS mathematics test scores continue to improve. Students who took the test for the first time in May, 2004, improved the passing rates yet again: 68% (2002), 75% (2003), and 82% (2004). Also importantly, students scoring in the higher score bands continued to increase: 27% Proficient and an impressive 12% Advanced. The improvement in the pass/fail ratio can be attributed to the hard work of teachers and students in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade MCAS Prep classes. The achievement on the higher end reflects the efforts of students and teachers in the upper level mathematics classes. Only one senior has yet to pass the test.

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade science curriculum is undergoing yet another substantive revision for the 2005-06 school year. Based upon the original Curriculum Frameworks and the underlying national standards, an Integrated Science curriculum was put in place in 1998. In subsequent years, the state field-tested an integrated science test, as well as subject-specific tests. Recently, the integrated test was abandoned. Since students will be expected to take MCAS science tests in either biology or physics, we must, reluctantly, adapt our curriculum to match the expectations of the testing program. Beginning in 2005-06, 10<sup>th</sup> graders must select either a course in biology or physical science. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum will continue to be a broad spectrum integrated program in order to ensure at least minimal exposure of students to all areas of science.

Essential Strategies, formerly called MCAS Prep, are required classes for all ninth grade students. Tenth graders who fall below grade level in the reading test will also be assigned to the essential strategies course. This ensures that all students receive adequate preparation for the state test. The results from the 2004 test saw an increase in the proficient category; in 2003, 35% of students achieved proficient, while in 2004, 45% of students achieved proficient.

Teachers in the English Department continue to access the present curriculum, through regular meetings, and discussions. Teachers attend workshops and conferences on the use of technology in English classes, as well as on other pertinent educational issues. Teachers continue to formulate guidelines for the adoption of portfolios, with an emphasis on both short and long writing assignments. As part of an overall review of department standards, teachers are assigning more outside reading at all grade levels. Teachers continue to analyze the most recent MCAS scores as a means of determining weak areas in the curriculum. Honors English classes continue at each grade level with higher expectations and more in-depth study of the material. Teachers work closely with seniors to develop college essays as well as resume writing skills.

The Social Studies Department continues to work on the new standards for their discipline. The teachers have met to address the new state guidelines, analyze the current curriculum, and formulate new curriculum. Teachers have begun to integrate the new curriculum this year.

## **MCAS Review**

The Massachusetts Department of Education awarded Grant #632 to North Shore Technical High School to assist those Junior and Senior students who have not yet reached the minimum score on the Math and/or English/Language Arts MCAS. Our academic teachers set up review classes after school two days a week for mathematics and two days a week for English. The review sessions had four students in each group and they met every week from September until the November Retest date. The small

*January 2004 to December 2004*



teacher/student ratio allowed individual attention in those areas needing remediation. The instructors did an item analysis of their students' previous MCAS test to pinpoint areas of weakness. Our two twelfth graders were, additionally, tutored by the Mathematics Department Coordinator during his preparation period during the school day.

### **Vocational – Service Cluster**

The portfolio initiative has now been implemented school wide. All students will now have a portfolio. Senior students now have the ability to develop a career portfolio that will reflect examples of their best work, awards, and letters of recommendations. This tool will allow them the opportunity to demonstrate their skills during both the college application process and job interviews.

The shops are getting involved in community services activities that allow students to help the less fortunate. We have successfully coordinated a used eye glass collection campaign with the eye glasses being fixed by Lenscrafter and sent to underdeveloped countries. Culinary, Carpentry, Commercial Art and Marketing helped the North Shore Special Olympics organization coordinate their recent Jolly Jaunt Fund Raiser. Commercial Art and the Drama Club worked together to organize the first Coffee House held on Friday, December 3. The proceeds (\$275.00 + canned foods) from this event went to the Beverly Bootstrap Food Bank and was a tremendous success. Marketing students are coordinating a recycling program for the school. Additional activities are being planned including reading to elementary school students, helping at after school programs, visiting a nursing home during the holidays, adopting a platoon in Iraq and sending Valentine, along with collecting magazines that will be sent to Iraq. Community Service activities come under the umbrella of the Kiwanis Key Club and allow students the opportunity to understand the importance of giving back to the community while also meeting college application requirements.

### **Health Tech**

The addition of a half time freshman Health Tech instructor, Donna Carpenter, has allowed coordination of the new CNA senior internship. This year is the first year that students are participating in a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant Program). Students can now graduate with the opportunity to receive state certification as a CNA. Six students are completing their internship at Rosemont Nursing Home.

### **Vocational – Technical Cluster** **Carpentry/Masonry**

Junior and senior carpentry and masonry students are currently working on several off-campus projects.

The carpentry crews have completed a 20' x 32' storage building for the Middleton Police Department and have reconstructed the handicap ramp on the North ShoreTech Administration building. They are currently building a 30' x 34' two story garage in Danvers.

The masonry crews have completed several concrete block walls for the Lynnfield Public Works Department. They have also installed granite steps at the Middleton Town Hall and completed repairs on steps at a Middleton residence that was constructed by North Shore Tech in 1998.

### **Machine Technology**

Reorganization and improvement of the machine shop continue this year.

The 20'x32' addition to the Machine and Masonry shops that was constructed by the North Shore Tech Carpentry and Masonry Departments is nearing completion. This space will be utilized by the Machine, Masonry, and Carpentry Departments as their related classroom. It will be equipped with 20 computers, a network printer, and a large format plotter. The computers will have MasterCAM and AutoCAD program capabilities that will enhance the related curriculums to better prepare our students for employment and/or further education.

The Machine Technology Department continues with the process of obtaining their certification from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). The process, which began last year, involves a self study, as well as, a curriculum and equipment review will be completed for the 2005-06 school year.

### **Information Systems Technology**

This year the Information Systems Technology department continues with curriculum development to train students for A+ and Cisco certification. The sophomore year curriculum concentrates on preparation for the A+ certification test and an introduction to first semester Cisco network training.

The goal for the junior year is to complete the Cisco curriculum training allowing the senior year to be devoted to preparation and successful completion of the A+, Net Plus, and Cisco CCNA certifications. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are all receiving programming instruction three afternoons during their shop cycle. Sophomores and juniors are also receiving instructions in basic electronic theory.

The Information Systems Technology students manned "Help Desk" continues after its' successful debut last year. Junior and senior Information Systems Technology students offer "in house" trouble shooting, repair, and service for North Shore Tech computer hard and software.

### **Technology**

We replaced all the computers in Room 137 with twenty-eight (28) workstations that have 2.4 GHZ processors; 1GB hard drives with 256 MB of RAM, plus new furniture. We installed a collapsible dividing wall, so we can have a large lab with twenty-eight (28) workstations or two smaller labs with sixteen (16) and twelve (12) workstations respectively. The 12-workstation side also has increased video capability so we can utilize programs like Auto Cad, Master Cam and Photo Shop effectively. We also installed in this room a permanently mounted LCD projector and a smart board. The older computers removed from Room 137 were distributed to faculty for use in their classrooms.

We purchased ten (10) workstations to replace older computers used by our administrative staff. The older computers were distributed throughout the school as needed.

We received approval of the second phase of a *No Child Left Behind* grant for \$125,000. We purchased two more wireless laptop carts with 16 and 24 laptops respectively in the carts. We have wireless laptop capability throughout the building, with three carts with 56 laptops for student use. This grant also provided the funds for extensive professional development to train faculty in the various skills using technology in the classroom. We have seen a sharp increase in faculty utilization of technology in the classroom, primarily because they are more comfortable utilizing technology in a classroom setting and

the wireless laptops make it very convenient to bring the computer lab to the generic classroom. Another phase of this was grant was the development of a Video/Media Arts laboratory.

Approximately, three hundred six (306) computers are in use in the District, sixty five (65) are laptops. Two hundred sixty four (264) are used for Instructional activities by either students or the faculty. Administrators use forty two (42) computers. The student to computer ratio is 1.67:1. The student to computer ratio for Type A Computers (high-end) is 3.2:1 well within the Department of Education Benchmark Standards. As we grow the computer population, we fall short in meeting the benchmark for "Number of computers serviced by 1 FTE Network/Technical Support personnel. That benchmark is two hundred fifty (250); we are at three hundred twenty two (322). This could adversely affect response time to correct technical issues with computer workstations.

The schools web page (<http://www.mec.edu/nsths>)

Tammy Rodolico is the Instructional Technology Specialist at North Shore Technical High School. Her responsibilities include assisting faculty members in implementing technology within the classroom. Tasks include designing instructional strategies with and for classroom teachers, assisting teachers in implementing such strategies, providing professional development regarding technology, and researching and evaluating software marketing for classroom instruction.

In her role as a support for teaching Tammy utilizes the Itinerant Wireless Laptop Carts in order to bring technology into the classroom. In the freshman science classes, technology is integrated weekly for research, collaboration, classification and presentation. In the mathematics classes, seniors explore spreadsheets as a means of solving problems in their curriculum. Carpentry students are provided assistance in utilizing CAD, the industry standard software for their trade. In addition to working in the classroom, Tammy works closely with the teachers to effectively prepare them to use technology as a tool for instruction and organization.

### **Special Education Department**

The special education program is inclusive in nature. Inclusion classes are offered in all grades and in every major academic subject area. These classes are co-taught by members of the general education and special education staff. In conjunction with this, many special needs students receive academic support services in the Tutoring Center, under the direction of the special education administrator.

Recently, transition planning has received a great deal of attention from the U.S. Department of Education. Through this year's special education Program Improvement Grant, a focus group comprised of two special education teachers, the assistant coordinator of special education, a guidance counselor and the co-op/placement coordinator, has been developed to study transition services within the district. The group's goals are to provide training to other members of special education and guidance staffs with regard to transitional planning, as well as to develop a student survey to assist students with identification of their transition needs.

Through our Special Education Entitlement grant, we have formed a liaison with Brian Lacroix, a noted behaviorist and assistant professor at Salem State College. He is providing consultation to our teachers and staff with regard to student behavior. Mr. Lacroix has become a member of our Student Support Team and attends biweekly meetings on high-risk students. He also has provided a presentation to our faculty on attention deficit disorder, and has spoken to our Special Education Parents' Advisory Council on adolescent behavior.



## **Athletic Department**

The Boy's Basketball team (9 – 10) reached the State Tournament in 2004 for the first time in many years. Jesus McKinney set a school record of 588 points in a season as a junior and we expect big things from him next year. There were enough players to support three teams: varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen.

The Girl's Basketball team (6 – 12) showed growth and improvement throughout the season with a very young squad. With all the experience returning next year we should see a very successful season.

Indoor Track had a turnout of twenty-seven athletes. Coach Gilbert did a great job, again working alone for the most part. Paula Holm, an aid in the Special Education Department, lent assistance when she could. Several athletes qualified and participated in state competition.

The spring of 2004 saw the Baseball and Softball teams winning their league championships and advancing into the State Tournament. The softball team also won the State Vocational championship. The Baseball team accomplished this with no home field on which to practice or play. They were the nomads of the North Shore and we had to scramble to find facilities to use. The home field was shut down due to a septic problem that presented itself just before the start of the season. With repairs scheduled in the very near future, the possibility exists that we may not have a field again this year.

Over seventy students participated in Football over the fall 2004 season. The varsity team won the league championship and advanced to the MIAA State Super Bowl, losing to East Boston in a very exciting game. The freshman team finished the season 7 – 1. This brightens the outlook for next season as we are graduating twelve (12) seniors.

The Girls Volleyball won the league championship and advanced to the finals of the State Vocational Tournament and to the semi-finals of the North Sectionals in the MIAA State Tournament. This is the furthest any of our Volleyball teams has ever advanced in State Tournament play.

The Soccer team experienced continued to grow this year with a complete junior varsity schedule. Many practices and some junior varsity games were played on the Essex Aggie field.

The fall Cheering squad was once again at capacity and although they didn't advance in the state competitions, they were eager and energetic group at the football games.

Six North Shore students started with the Essex Aggie Cross Country team this fall. Only two finished the season. Danielle Sargeant, a senior, finished 1st in the State Vocational Meet for the second year in a row.

## **Career Exploration**

The focus of the career exploratory program is to familiarize all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students with North Shore Technical High School's vocational/technical areas. New this year to the Guidance department is a veteran school counselor, Mr. Mark Small, who brings a great deal of experience to our ninth grade students! Mr. Small has many years of experience with grade 9 students. He is known throughout the vocational community as the person who designed the exploratory program. Because he is only working with grade nine students he will be able to provide a more individual, comprehensive guidance service to these students. Currently 9<sup>th</sup> graders explore twelve (12) shops. The exploratory has been modified in the

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last four years so that students spend four (4) periods in shop and four (4) in academics. This schedule allows for smaller shop groups thus creating an environment where teachers are able to evaluate students more comprehensively. The small group size also lends itself to a more comfortable setting for students to get to know each other and become more familiar in their new environment. Students will complete the exploratory program in the early spring and will then re-explore three (3) shops before making their final shop selection.

The piloted evaluation program instituted last year has been adopted by all vocational shops. The Guidance department is very grateful for the time and dedication Mr. Paul Pesce, an Information Systems Technology instructor, spent to drive this evaluation process electronically. Currently, all shops report their weekly freshman evaluations via an Access program designed to facilitate a more efficient use of the counselor's and their time. With the additional technical assistance and support from Mrs. Tammy Rodolico, an exploratory report card was also generated and sent home for parents to review. This has promoted an opportunity for parents to discuss the exploratory program within their children and to have a better understanding of the vocational program.

### **School-to-Work/Placement**

In the 2003-04 school year over sixty (60) students participated in the Cooperative Education Program. Each of these students worked during school time in their vocational/technical area on the job gaining experience and school credit. North Shore Tech is using the modified Massachusetts Worked-Based Learning Plan developed by the Eastern Massachusetts Cooperative Coordinators to evaluate the students' progress in the following areas: communication, problem solving, professionalism and interaction with co-workers. The goal of the Work-Based Learning Plan is to provide a solid structure for students and their employees to work together and maximize the learning experience.

The class of 2004 saw 50% of the graduates matriculate at two or four year post-secondary institutions, 32% were placed in jobs related to their vocational/technical program and 3% began a full-time military commitment. North Shore Technical High School continues to offer permanent placement service including career guidance to all graduates.

### **Health Office - School Nurse**

The health office continued to be a busy place where both students and staff sought information and treatment for their health concerns. There were 4,836 visits by students to the health office during the school year. On average, the nurse saw twenty-seven (27) students per day, not including the fifteen (15) students that received daily medication. Most visits were for headaches, generally not feeling well and muscular skeleton complaints. Students continue to seek referrals for birth control, sexually transmitted disease testing, and pregnancy testing.

### **Building and Grounds**

The modifications and upgrades were significant in 2004. An additional classroom was constructed to the back of the building, which will be used as a related classroom for vocational programs. This project was a joint effort between the masonry and carpentry students and the facilities department.

The carpentry students replaced the handicap ramp and exterior doors for the Administration Building.

The automotive shop is an area with major changes. The lifts were angled to allow better driving access for the students; all the lifts have been outfitted with a compressed air attachment and a 120 volt 20 amp

electrical outlet. These changes were done to reduce tripping hazards and clutter on the floor. The tool room was relocated to a central area of the shop allowing instructors to supervise students using the tools. A mezzanine was installed giving the instructors a private work area and a view of the shop area.

A much needed storage area was built for the Culinary Arts program.

The ground improvements included paving of the side parking lot, which was a donation from the Adult Education administration. This has made the lot safer and easier to maintain. Changes made to the front entrance of the school were removing the small stones and replacing them with pavers. The masonry shop installed the pavers creating a patio type area for the students to use.

**Transportation Department**

The Transportation Department has a fleet consisting of nineteen (19) buses, twelve -71 passenger buses, one-16 passenger bus, three buses dedicated to the building trades, three-35 passenger buses and one-8 passenger van. The Transportation Department provided transportation to and from school on a daily basis for approximately 430 students. The number of late buses and sports late buses remained at four. The number of students involved in sports, MCAS Prep, driver’s education, Drama Club, and other after school activities continues to increase, therefore the number of students using the late buses and sports buses has increased again this year.

Transportation was provided for many field trips throughout the school year, as well as all away sports games.

The Transportation Department purchased five new buses too replace the aging ones. These five buses were purchased with a five-year lease with a \$1.00 buy out at the end.

The bus garage is staffed with two full time technicians, which work to keep the fleet running in top condition.

The Transportation Department also provides and maintains three specially equipped buses for the construction departments to travel to and from their outside work projects.

**Adult Education**

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than sixty (60) vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly one thousand adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include: computers, health, construction, welding and machine technology, culinary, automotive, business and personal finance. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

**Business Office**

The Department of Revenue has certified the amount in our excess and deficiency account as of July 1, 2004 at \$368,260.

**Funding Issues**

The Fiscal 2006 Budget preparation is currently in process and will be presented to the District's Finance & Property Policy Sub-committee in February and subsequently to the District's School Committee. At this point, we have not received any financial data pertaining to fiscal 2006 from the Department of Education.

### **Financial Issues**

We are faced with a financially burdensome task. We have been informed that our leeching field needs replacement. Unfortunately, this is located below our baseball field and will result in not only replacing the leeching field, but also excavating and replacing the baseball diamond. The estimated cost to perform this job is \$225,000.

**North Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee**

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## **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

Nancy A. Lord, Personnel Manager  
Helen M. Kennedy, Assistant Personnel Manager

## **PERSONNEL BOARD**

Peter C. McCarriston  
David S. Van Dam  
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Nancy A. Lord, Ex-Officio

The Personnel office has had an eventful year. There were some minor changes to the Personnel Board membership. In April of 2005, Elise Van Zoest, Assistant Treasurer was appointed to the Board to replace long time member, Mike Tumulty. Mr. Tumulty left employment with the Town to pursue his Assessing career in nearby Marblehead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tumulty for his interest and support of the Personnel Board for all the years he served and wish Mr. Tumulty well in his new position.

The Personnel Board met with the Town Administrator, Andrew W. Maylor, prior to the Annual Town Meeting and approved some minor modifications to the Personnel Policy Governing Compensation and Employment Benefits. Three standard articles were sponsored by the Personnel Board and submitted in the warrant for Town Meeting approval. The updated Personnel Policy has been posted on the Town's Intranet to allow employees covered by this agreement easy access to the policy.

Under the direction of the Town Administrator, the Personnel Department has implemented additional policies including an "FMLA" policy, made minor changes to the "Harassment Policy" and has begun to draft a CORI (Criminal Offender Request of Information) policy. These policies, inclusive of previous policies set by the Town Administrator, continue to provide useful guidelines for both the employees and the department heads.

The Personnel Department continues to maintain attendance records to ensure proper use of sick, vacation, personal, FMLA and other leave time in accordance with the various contracts and the Personnel Policy Governing Compensation & Employment Benefits. Management has been helpful in requiring their staff to complete the necessary paperwork prior to taking leave time which has given the Personnel Department a better control of time used. With the assistance of the Treasurer's Department, we have begun the implementation of tracking leave time for all employees (exclusive of the school department) into the MUNIS payroll system. This task has taken longer than anticipated but will be helpful to management and the employees when completed.

Over the past year, the Personnel Department has assisted in the hiring process for several new employees, including Town Clerk, Assistant Assessor, Department of Public Works Laborers and a newly created position of Recreation Director. Assistant Personnel Manager, Helen Kennedy, was also appointed to the Search Committee for the new School Superintendent. The Personnel Department also had extensive involvement in the hiring of temporary seasonal summer employees for both the Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department. The office received approximately 85 applications for summer employment. Interviews were conducted with approximately 75 individuals who were eligible prior to making recommendations for appointment.

The Personnel Department continues to review and re-write job descriptions as necessary to ensure compliance with ADA requirements. The Personnel Manager continues monthly Labor Management meetings in accordance with the Library and DPW union contracts, which provide a healthy communication between management and the union.

The Personnel Department was responsible for collecting annual town reports from the various departments, boards, committees and commissions and collaborating the information into the final annual report for FY '04.

As always, the Personnel Department would like to take this opportunity to express its utmost appreciation to all the Department Heads for their continued cooperation and support. We would also like to send a special thank you to Andrew Maylor, Town Administrator, for his much appreciated guidance. Thanks to Maureen Gilhooley, Administrative Assistant, for always willing to lend a hand to any office in need.

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board held sixteen meetings during the year from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 to review and to provide approval action on various plans submitted to it under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, and on site plans submitted to it in accordance with Swampscott Town By-Laws. Discussions were held with Swampscott residents, developers, contractors, architects and engineers regarding these matters to provide guidance and to assure compliance with Town By-Laws and regulations. Approval action was taken on thirty (30) subdivision and site plan review applications after board members had made site inspections and discussed statutory and community considerations with applicants and their representatives, and received opinions from abutting neighbors and other town residents. This number of plans and site plan review applications is a significant increase from the average of fifteen (15) per year that occurred in prior years. While most of the site plans pertained to additions to residential dwellings, approval actions also included subdivision plans.

The Board monitored existing and recently approved projects with the Swampscott Building Inspector for compliance with stipulated conditions and Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

The Board held joint meetings with representatives of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and with Swampscott residents to provide input for a Swampscott Community Development Plan that was prepared by MAPC. This plan addresses town planning issues of affordable housing, economic development, transportation, infrastructure improvements and cultural resource and open space preservation. Upon receipt of this MAPC document, the Board established a Swampscott Community Development sub-committee for further study of these issues.

Public hearings were held by the Planning Board regarding proposed amendments to the Swampscott Zoning By-Laws prior to Planning Board submittal of recommendations to Town Meeting for action. Based on comments and opinions from town residents presented at the public hearings, the Board made recommendations for Town Meeting adoption of various zoning by-law amendments.

Planning Board representatives attended meetings on the Zoning Board of Appeals to provide information regarding the status of Planning Board actions that inter-related with ZBA petitions.

The following officers were re-elected to serve the board: Eugene Barden as chairman, John Phelan as vice-chairman and Veeder Nellis as clerk.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation to other town boards and officials for their cooperation in helping to promote the town's interests and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Barden, Chairman  
Jeffrey Blonder  
Veeder Nellis  
John Phelan  
Jill Sullivan

## **SWAMPSCOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Mission Statement**

The Swampscott Police Department is a community-oriented police department, committed to providing professional service to all with fairness, compassion and respect, regardless of religion, age, race, color, creed, nationality or lifestyle. Working in concert with the community we endeavor to prevent crime, protect life and property and preserve the peace, order and safety in Swampscott. We nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics.

In Fiscal Year 05 Members of the Swampscott Police Department worked to prevent crime and disorder and to protect life and property by presenting a visible police presence throughout the Town and responding swiftly, and professionally when called upon.

### **The Threat of Terrorism**

The Country continues to be confronted by a general threat of terrorist attack. In FY 05 all officer received Incident Command Systems response training, National Incident Management training and State and Local Terrorism Training. Sergeant Timothy Cassidy was assigned as the liaison to Federal, State and Local agencies for the purpose of exchanging intelligence information. As such he was responsible for disseminating up to date terrorism related information to the officers of this Department.

### **Community Policing**

The Swampscott Police Department has adopted as a philosophy the principles of Community Policing. Community Policing redefines the police mission to focus on solving problems rather than simply responding to calls for service. It requires that in addition to responding to individual incidents, we examine series of calls to determine if a problem exists. The Police Department has worked to achieve relationships with a variety of public agencies, community organizations and citizens to allow us to work together to develop strategies to solve many of the problems that affect the safety and quality of life in Swampscott. The objective of Community Policing is to increase the ability of the citizens of Swampscott to reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder to occur in our community.

In Fiscal Year 05 the Police Department conducted a variety of community programs supported by grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety as well as contributions from businesses and citizens in the Town.

During the period covered by this report Community Policing funds were used for programs involving the Bike Patrol Unit, the School Resource Officers and the Traffic Unit. Officers were able to participate in many youth events, providing opportunities for officers and the children in Town to interact in positive ways. The Police Department and the Fire Department hosted a Public Safety Day event, which was well attended by the public.

Bike Patrol officers conducted several bike safety presentations during this time. With an emphasis on safety, officers gave out coupons for a free ice cream to children that were seen wearing a helmet while biking or skating. The Red Rock Bistro donated the ice-cream coupons used to reward this safe behavior. Officers provided free bike helmets to children who did not have one.

Officers attended a variety of community meetings for the purpose of addressing public concerns about problems such as traffic. These meetings enhanced our ability to identify the root causes of problems and to design solutions, which often required the contribution of multiple agencies and the community to solve.

### **Racial and Gender Profiling**

Chief Madigan and Lieutenant Thomas Stephens participated on a committee whose goal was to design a data collection form, which would collect information to be used to examine the issue of racial and gender profiling as it relates to traffic stops in Massachusetts. The committee consisted of several Police Chiefs, the Colonel of the State Police, Registry officials, the Secretary of Public Safety Edward Flynn and members of his staff and researchers from Northeastern University. Over the course of several months the committee met and devised a form for collecting data which when entered into a computer program will allow departments to analyze the data in a variety of ways.



### **Elder Outreach**

In Swampscott there is a growing population of elders who desire to live independently but often fail to take advantage of available assistance. We recognize that the Police are uniquely positioned to identify people in need in the community and that it is vital that we refer those people to community resources.

In FY05 Sergeant John Behen and Officer Sal Caruso were assigned to work with the Swampscott Council on Aging. Together elders who have contact with the Police and find themselves in need of certain types of assistance will not feel alone in trying to solve their problems. These officers also conducted several safety and fraud education programs for elders at the Senior Center during the year.

In FY05 the police department continued to partner with the Nahant Police to provide the services of the "Are You O K" system for elders who are living alone and are at risk of becoming injured and unable to summon help. The "Are You OK" system, located in Nahant Police station, automatically dials the home telephones of enrolled Swampscott residents at a predetermined time every day. If the resident fails to answer the phone a Swampscott Police Officer is dispatched to the home to check on their well being. In FY 05 officers responded to 65 Are You OK Checks, 50 Assist the Elderly calls and 114 Well Being Checks.

### **Bike Patrol Unit**

With grant funds and private donations the Police Department was able to maintain the Bike Patrol Unit. The Unit is supervised by Sergeant William Waters and staffed by officers who have been trained to use mountain bikes on patrol. The bike officers patrolled areas in the Town that are not easily accessible to traditional methods of patrol and were used in our continuing effort to address problems of under age drinking and vandalism at night in the Town's parks and beaches. Additionally the bike officers were used to patrol many events such as the Town's fireworks display, parades, outdoor concerts and road races. Mountain bike officers have proven to be generally more approachable than officers patrolling in police cars and enjoy opportunities to interact more frequently and in positive ways with the public.

### **D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education**

The Swampscott D.A.R.E. program is a collaborative effort by our D.A.R.E. certified officer, teachers, students, parents and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among young people. The emphasis of D.A.R.E. is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence.

The program content for D.A.R.E. is organized into seventeen 45 to 60 minute lessons taught with extended activities integrated into other instruction by the classroom teacher. The Swampscott Police D.A.R.E. Officer, Rich Cassidy conducted weekly lessons for all students in grade 5.

Twenty Swampscott students went to the D.A.R.E. summer camp sponsored by the Police Department. The camp was attended by about three hundred students from area communities and is coordinated by the Essex County District Attorneys Office.

### **R.A.D. Rape Aggression Defense Classes**

The crime of rape is reported so infrequently that society in general is unaware of its magnitude. The R.A.D. system is designed to equip women to defend themselves in situations where their life is in jeopardy or they are at risk of serious bodily harm. The R.A.D. System offers basic education in confrontation principles and personal defense. Our program ranges from awareness, risk reduction and avoidance to basic physical and verbal self-defense methods. Sergeant Jonathan Locke, Officers Candace Doyle, Rose Cheever and Todd Pierce are the Department's certified R.A.D. instructors. All four attended a demanding one-week training course to attain that certification.

### **School Resource Officer**

In FY 05 Officer Rose Cheever served as the school officer. Though assigned to the schools full time the cost of maintaining that position is funded by the Police Department. Officer Cheever works to promote a positive relationship with the school community and provide opportunities for interaction between police and students. The officer's presence acts as a deterrent to crime and provides a degree of security and safety for the school's students, faculty, and visitors.



The School Resource Officer investigated criminal activity that occurred in or around all school properties. The School Officer also followed up on cases involving students that occurred outside of school as well, since many incidents carry over into the school setting. The Officer addressed issues such as aggressive bullying behavior by students and worked to promote teen conflict resolution.

Along with these duties the officer also provided classroom instruction on criminal law and other law enforcement topics. The officer presented a classroom program to Middle School students that illustrated the dangers of drinking and driving. Through the use of special goggles students were able to see with the vision of a person with an elevated blood alcohol level. Officer Cheever and Officer Candace Doyle presented a program dubbed D.A.T.E. (Defensive Aggression Tactic Education,) D.A.T.E. is a modification of the Department's R.A.D. program geared toward teenage girls.

The School Officer worked closely with the Lynn Juvenile Probation Department to monitor juveniles on probation sharing information and conducting curfew checks.

The Swampscott Police Department in collaboration with the school community is committed to ensuring that all students receive an education in an environment free from harassment or threat of crime.

### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Division worked with the community to identify and address needs and problems concerning vehicle traffic and parking. Such traffic related issues were forwarded to Lieutenant Thomas Stephens, Lieutenant Gary Lord and Sergeant Joseph Kable. In an effort to solve traffic problems in the Town officers frequently met with community groups, individual residents and government officials.

During the period of this report Officers worked to address neighborhood complaints throughout the Town. Selective Enforcement Patrols were regularly assigned to various streets in Town with special attention given to speed enforcement and equipment violations.

With a grant from The Governors Highway Safety Bureau the Police Department purchased a speed/traffic counter and a mobile radar unit. The grant also funded five separate enforcement initiatives designed to address seat belt violations and operating under the influence of liquor.

Forty-seven grant funded mobilization patrols were conducted resulting in:

- 388 traffic stops
- 4 OUI arrests
- 340 citations issued

In response to concerns from residents of Essex Street specially trained Swampscott Police Officers teamed up with the Massachusetts State Police Truck Team and the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency to address truck traffic on that street. As a result there were:

- 31 trucks stopped
- 6 trucks taken out of service
- 3 drivers taken out of service
- 41 violations were issued
- Total fines: \$2,840.00

The Traffic officer's duties included overseeing of the winter parking permitting and enforcement program as well as planning for matters that impact traffic such as road construction projects and special events like road races.

Lieutenant Gary Lord sat on the Town's Traffic Committee. The committee addressed issues such as requests for stop signs, parking and speed signs as well as other forms of traffic control signage and signals. The committee studied a variety of traffic complaints from citizens involving parking, speeders, and traffic flow patterns and evaluated the impact of proposed new businesses and developments on traffic.

On a daily basis the Department's speed signboard was placed at different locations in Town to monitor speed. The board prominently displays the speed of approaching vehicles thus providing an effective reminder for operators to obey the posted speed limits.

### **Detective Division**

The Detective Division is comprised of Detective Sergeant Timothy Cassidy and Detectives Ted Delano and Jim Schultz.

Many crimes that occur in Swampscott involve multiple jurisdictions and that requires the Detectives to maintain a relationship with Federal, State and other local law enforcement agencies. The Detectives were responsible for following up on a variety of crimes that ranged from annoying telephone calls and credit card offences to burglaries, robberies and in FY05 a homicide. Detectives conducted several undercover drug investigations along with area police departments. The DEA and the Essex County Drug task force.

### **Family Services Officer**

Detective Delano was assigned as the Family Services Officer. As such he monitored the status of 106 209-A Restraining Orders involving Swampscott residents. He maintained contact with victims, followed the progress of domestic court cases and ensured that the Uniformed Patrol Division was kept informed of situations in which the victim might be at particular risk. During this period the Department filed 30 51-A child abuse reports with the Department of Social Services. Detective Delano oversaw the handling of the ninety-six domestic dispute calls received by the Department.

### **Animal Control Officer**

Officer Rich Cassidy is assigned as the Animal Control Officer. Officer Cassidy is a sworn officer of the Department who responds to animal related complaints in addition to his regular duties. There were 309 animal related calls in FY05.

### **Motorcycle Unit**

The Department's Motorcycle unit includes Lieutenant Paul Bartram as the officer in charge with Officers Michael Bowden, Sal Caruso, Fred Brown and Brian Wilson as riders on two police Harley Davidson motorcycles. All riders were required to attend a rigorous weeklong training program prior to assignment.

### **Honor Guard**

Sergeant Jay Locke is the officer in charge of the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard is made up of officers who volunteer to represent the Department under a variety of circumstances. In 2005 the Honor Guard represented the Swampscott Police Department at formal occasions such as the funerals of a State Trooper who was killed in the line of duty and a Marblehead soldier killed in action as well as Memorial Day services for the Town of Swampscott and Nahant. Other Honor Guard members are Steven Luck, Michael Frayler, Thomas Lucas, Todd Pierce and Brian Wilson

### **Policy Changes in FY05**

In FY05 we updated our Policy and Procedure manual to keep abreast with court decisions, changes in the law and changes in policing in general. Policies and Procedure provide a vital function by guiding officers and ensuring that all officers work toward the same goals and objectives.

In FY05 we updated our Sexual Harassment policy to include other means of harassment, which may create a hostile work environment.

We wrote an Elder Abuse policy that incorporated laws that mandate reporting of elder abuse, including incidents of self-neglect, to the appropriate agency.

We updated our Missing Persons Policy to include the "Amber Alert" and "A Child is Missing" programs. The "A Child is Missing Program" is a non-profit organization that provides access to a computerized community notification system, which calls residences and businesses within a prescribed area where a missing child was last seen. In this manner vital descriptive information is broadcast in an effort to employ the help of residents in locating a missing child in the important first minutes following a disappearance.

We modified our policy and procedure for interrogating suspects to comply with a Massachusetts court decision that requires that interrogations be audio recorded.

## Training

### Emergency Medical Training

During this period training was provided to officers in CPR, First Responder and AED (Automated External Defibrillator). In 2005 additional training was provided so that officers may use the AED defibrillator units for pediatric patients. Medical training allowed officers to maintain their mandated certification in each of these categories. Training was conducted by Lieutenant Jean Butler.

### Firearms and Use of Force Training

Under the direction of firearms instructors Officer John Dube and Detective Jim Schultz, all officers re-qualified with their semi-automatic pistols by posting two qualifying scores on a course designated by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee. Officers also posted qualifying scores with the 12-gauge shotgun and were trained in several areas of less-lethal types of weapons. As part of training officers reviewed use of force guidelines

### In-Service Training

In FY 05 each officer attended annual in service training at the Massachusetts Police Training Academy in Reading. Training consisted of Incident Command System ICS 100, National Incident Management System NIMS 700 and State and Local Anti Terrorism Training SLATT.

Throughout the year additional "in house" training was conducted by the Department on a variety of subjects by means of videotaped lessons. Officers viewed several video taped trainings related to domestic terrorism and weapons of mass destruction as well as other subjects regarding officer safety. The Department has also enhanced its training capabilities through use of the Massachusetts State Police "Online Academy". This Internet based program allows officers to go online to learn about a variety of law enforcement related topics.

### Department Statistics- July 01 2004 to June 30 2005

Some of the more serious offenses reported during this period included:

- 1 Homicide
- 1 Vehicular Homicide
- 6 Robberies
- 50 Building Breaking&Entering related offences
- 60 vehicle break-ins
- 12 Stolen Motor Vehicles.
- 242 larceny related offences
- 96 Domestic Disputes
- 2 Reported Rapes
- 3 Indecent Assault and Batteries
- 47 Narcotics Offences
- 79 Assaults and Assault&Batteries

Officers made 315 arrests in FY05 compared to 267 for the previous year. Furthermore there were an additional 269 criminal complaints filed in which persons were summonsed to appear in court. Summoning is most often done as an alternative to arrest or as a result of a follow-up investigation.

2,380 citations were issued -- Fines totaling \$61,195.00 were written for civil violations alone. The court levies fines for criminal violations and that amount is not readily available for this report.

Civil	580
Criminal	263
Warning	1365
Void	21
Arrest	151



- 919 citations were issued for speeding
- 468 red light and stop sign violations.
- 403 improper vehicle registration/insurance offences cited
- 268 driver license offences.
- 73 incidents of operating negligently or to endanger.
- 49 arrests for operating under the influence of liquor
- 2 for operating under the influence of drugs.

Officers issued 2,392 parking tickets with a total fine amount of \$59,125.00

Incident Type	Total	Incident Type	Total
Assist the elderly	50	Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Are you OK check	65	Parking Complaint	289
Attempted B&E	5	Power Failure	14
Accident under \$1000	233	Property Damage	15
Accident Over \$1000	139	Protective Custody	4
Accident with personal injury	54	911 Hang Up	295
Hit & Run MV accident	79	Recovered Property	42
Hit & Run MV accident w/injury	3	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	14
Alarm	1,095	Rape	2
Annoying Calls	51	Robbery	6
Assist Fire Department	32	Stolen License Plate	14
Assault	29	Stolen Motor Vehicle	12
Assault & Battery	43	Service Call	280
Assist other Police Depts.	117	Serve Court Papers	150
Break & Entering	45	Shoplifting	38
B&E Motor Vehicle	60	Sudden Death	5
Building Check	4,912	Suicide/ Attempt	7
Bomb Threat	4	Suspicious Motor Vehicle	127
Civil Matter	52	Suspicious Act	525
Complaint	452	Threats	22
Disturbance	48	Towed Motor Vehicle	23
Domestic Dispute	96	Tree Limb Down	20
DPW Notification	103	Traffic Control Investigation	21
Drug Offense	47	Trespassing	13
Erratic Operation	78	Truants	7
Fire Alarm	70	Vandalism	137
Forgery	4	Violating 209A	17
Found Property	70	Warrant Arrest	61
Fireworks Complaint	46	Wire Down	27
Fire	86	Youth Loitering	50
Hate Crime	0	Noisy Group Inside	5
Hazardous Conditions	116	Noisy Group Outside	86
Indecent Assault & Battery	2	Skate board/Rollerblade	8
Larceny	192	Youth Drinking Indoors	1
Lockout	26	Youth Drinking Outdoors	5



Lost Property	66	Youth Disturbance	129
Loud Music/Party	116	Youth Trespassing	11
Medical Aid	779	Youth Vandalism/Graffiti	11
Missing Person	11	Groups Dispersed	150
Disabled Motor Vehicle	47	Motor Vehicle fatality	1
Motor Vehicle Stop	2,538	Well Being Checks	114
Notification	86	Ambulance	300
Open Door/Window	98	Child Abuse	4
Missing Juvenile	14	Kidnapping	2
Animal Control (Total 309)		Park and Walk Patrol	563
Dog Bite	4	OUI Liquor	49
Wildlife	15	OUI Drugs	2
Loose/Stray Dog	34	Field Interview	45
Injured Dog or Cat	5	Recovered Stolen Plate	14
Deceased Animal	30	Neighbor Dispute	8
Barking Dog	22	Liquor Offence under 21	13
Animal Complaint	199	Homicide	1
		Receiving Stolen Property	12
Total Log Entries FY 05 Entries (Not all are listed)	15,964		

### **Registered Sex Offenders**

At this writing there we have one registered Level 2 Sex Offender that lives and works in Town. There are four additional registered Level 2 Sex Offenders that work in Swampscott. There are no registered Level 3 Sex Offenders either living or working in town. A Level 3 classification represents the most serious of offenders. Level 3 offender's photographs are posted in public places including the Police Station, the Library and Town Hall.

### **Internal Affairs**

Captain John Alex is assigned as the Department's Internal Affairs officer. The primary responsibility of the Internal Affairs function is to respond to allegations of misconduct against the police department and its employees. Captain Alex is responsible for recording, registering, and controlling the investigation of complaints against employees.

A relationship of trust and confidence between the employees of this police department and the citizens of the community is essential to the successful accomplishment of law enforcement objectives. We are committed to investigate all complaints against the department or a member of the department, regardless of the source of such complaints, through a regulated, fair, and impartial Internal Affairs Program.

In fiscal year 2005 one formal civilian complaint was filed. That complaint was sustained and the officer was issued a verbal warning.

### **Procedure for making a citizens complaint**

Citizens are encouraged to file a standard complaint report form, which is used to record all complaints of misconduct, mistreatment, or unethical practices against the police department. However, a verbal complaint may be lodged as well. Citizens may make complaints in person at the station or by telephone or mail. All complaints will be investigated promptly.

In some cases a complaint can be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction at the time by the shift supervisor or officer-in-charge of the station. Immediate resolution can often be accomplished if the incident is clearly not of a serious nature, or arises from a misunderstanding or lack of knowledge of the law or of the limitation of a police officer's authority

Any Internal Affairs investigation must be commenced immediately upon receipt of the complaint and must be completed within thirty (30) days.

Every person who has filed a complaint against an employee shall be notified as to the final results of the investigation.

**Personnel Changes**

- Officer John Hoffman retired December 2004 after 19 years on the Department
- Brendan Reen and Richard Alex were appointed Permanent Reserve Officers

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronald J. Madigan  
Chief of Police

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

This past year was a somewhat taxing year on Department of Public Works. Beginning on November 12 and continuing through the end of March, the Town of Swampscott received over 113 inches of snow. The sixteen-man work force, with the assistance of a handful of contractors, should be commended for their dedication to assuring that the Town streets were as safe as humanly possible. Once again great job! The Department is quite proud of the fact that it was able to secure over \$55,000 in reimbursement costs from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, for the January 22-23 storm.

While losing an employee who had served the Town for over 41 years, the Department was also fortunate to add two new employees to our labor force. At this time, the Board would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Thomas Scanlon for his many years of dedicated service. The labor force as it currently stands continues to serve the Town well with its limited manpower. To supplement the limited work force the Department, with the assistance of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court Office, utilizes the Community Service Program to help maintain cleanliness around the Town. The Department will continue to work cooperatively with other Boards, Committees, Commissions, Town Departments and residents, and would like to thank them for all their assistance during the past year.

For the fourteenth year, the Department was a recipient of the "Tree City USA" award. The Department applied for, but did not receive a Mass Relief Grant, which had in the past provided funding for the purchase of shade trees to replace trees that had been removed. However, through general funding the Department was able to plant over forty trees at various locations around the Town, and is committed to planting more trees in the coming years, as well as, maintaining our existing trees. Unfortunately, the Department had to take down close to thirty trees due to them either being diseased or dead. This year, our own crew took down the trees with the assistance of a rented 55-foot aerial bucket truck. In the past, this task was contracted out, but by doing it in-house the Town was able to remove and prune more trees that were presenting a danger to the community. It is the Department's hope to be able to purchase a aerial bucket truck of our own in the near future.

The Department continues to take advantage of the MWRA's Local Pipeline Assistance Program to continue improving the Town's water main infrastructure. The ten-inch water main on Puritan Road was cleaned and re-lined. Additionally, undersized water mains on Plymouth Lane, Plymouth Avenue, and Barnstable Street were removed and replaced. Also in March, with assistance from the MWRA, the Town conducted a water leak detection survey, and was able to discover leaks totaling close to 500,000 gallons per day. Once the Water Division repaired these leaks the Town's overall water consumption dropped dramatically. Currently, the Town is progressing nicely with the Water Meter Replacement Project. This program is the single largest capital project the Department has ever undertaken. Through the end of the fiscal year, over half of the Town's 5500 meters had been replaced. When completed this project will save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, due to savings associated with more accurate readings and significantly less man hours needed to read the old meters. The Water Division continues to be responsible for bi-monthly water samples that ensure that the water quality is safe for consumption for the residents of the Town of Swampscott. The Town also undergoes semi-annual testing for both lead and copper, which is monitored by the MWRA. The Sewer Division re-built seven catch basins, and continues to maintain over forty-eight miles of sewer main.

The Department continues to function successfully under an enterprise fund system for both sewer and water. This year the water fund expended more than was brought in, this in turn created a deficit, which will in turn result in water rates being increased. The sewer rates, on the other hand, should remain the same, as the sewer fund earned more than was spent. The future goal of the Department remains to be able to fund capital projects through surplus funds. Additionally, approximately 20,000 square feet of asphalt sidewalk were replaced town wide, and we are committed to continuing this yearly project to help provide safer conditions for our pedestrians. The Cemetery Division was responsible for seventy-one interments and twenty-four cremations, as well as, the overall maintenance of over thirty acres of landscape. The Highway Division continues to maintain our parks and beaches, and is responsible for: street line painting, grass cutting, street sweeping, litter control, street signs, and general roadway maintenance.



The Department worked closely with the Historical Commission, Swampscott Yacht Club, and Campbell Construction to complete restoration work at the Fish House. Additionally, the Director of Public Works assisted the Town Administrator and Campbell Construction with the renovations to the Town Hall. The Department was also instrumental in the oversight of the construction of the Phillips Park Field House Addition, and will again lend its assistance to the second half of the project, set to go out to bid in the fall.

Another Capital Improvement Project that the Department completed was the long overdue Prospect Street Drainage Improvements. This project was completed this past December, and has alleviated a major water problem for residents of the area. Also long overdue, was the demolition, and new construction of the retaining wall on Ingraham Terrace. The Department also constructed a second wall, this one at Jackson Park, which clearly was an improvement over the former structure.

In early April, while working under heavy time constraints, the Department was able to perform the necessary improvements for handicap accessibility at both Swampscott High School and Clarke School. These improvements allowed the Town to continue using these buildings as polling places, as mandated by the Americans Disability Act. Also at Clarke School, the Department assisted in the construction of the wonderful playground at Abbott Park. The Department will continue to assist other groups in their worth wild efforts to further support the Town with their generous endeavors.

Finally, we would like to thank the office staff, which continues to provide ongoing dedication and services to the residents of the Town of Swampscott, and their effort is truly appreciated by both the Board and the Director of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence F. Picariello, Chairman  
Milton S. Fistel, Member  
Robert Vernava, Member

Gino A. Cresta Jr.  
Director of Public Works



## **Swampscott Contributory Retirement System**

**July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005**

John T. Kiely, Jr., Chairman

David Castellarin, Ex-Officio

John F. Behen Jr. Elected

Francis E. Delano, Jr., Elected

Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr. Appointed

Richard P. DiPesa, Esq., Retirement Administrator

Established in 1937, the Swampscott Contributory Retirement System is administered by a five-member Retirement Board and one full-time staff employee and one part-time employee. The Board is governed by Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws and by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, a state agency that provides guidance and oversight for 106 Massachusetts Retirement Boards. Membership in the plan is mandatory immediately upon commencement of employment for all permanent employees. The plan is a contributory defined benefit plan covering all Town employees deemed eligible by the Retirement Board, with the exception of schoolteachers, who contribute to the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board.

The System provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, salary and group classification. Members become vested after ten years of service. For certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, maximum retirement is at age 65. A retirement allowance consists of an annuity, which represents members' accumulated total deductions including interest and a pension portion, which is funded by the Town. The average retirement benefit is 80-85% pension 15-20% annuity.

Active members contribute either 5, 7, 8 or 9% of their gross regular compensation to the Retirement System, determined by the date upon which the employee enters the service of the town. Any member hired after January 1, 1979 contributes an additional 2% on wages over \$ 30,000.00.

As mandated by law, the Retirement Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the members and retirees of the system and to properly invest the fund's assets, totaling \$27.5M. In order to properly invest the system's assets, the Retirement Board engages the service of an asset consultant, Segal Advisors and seven investment managers, Chase Investment Counsel (large cap equities), Invesco (international funds) and Wells Capital Management (fixed income securities), Independence Investments, LLC (small and mid-cap equities), Fox Asset Management (large cap equities) and a real estate manager, Intercontinental Real Estate Corporation. In addition, the Board hired Piper Jaffray as a fund of funds private equity manager. The Board also has an actuarial valuation performed every other year, the most recent being as of January 1, 2004. According to the January 1, 2004 valuation, the Retirement System is 54.3% funded vs. 61.5% as of January 1, 2002. The Unfunded Actuarial Liability is \$21.1M. The System will be fully funded by the year 2028.

During the period July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005, there were no changes in the makeup of the Board Members. During the year 2004, the Contributory Retirement System earned 11.22% of a total return on investment. During the period July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005 a total of five Members retired. In addition, during this period, the Retirement System mourned the passing of seven of our Retirees, or their surviving spouses.

Respectfully submitted,  
John T. Kiely, Jr.,  
Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

7/1/04-6/30/05

Dan Yaeger, Chairman

Shelley A. Sackett, Vice-chairman

Paula M. Bonazzoli

Mary DeChillo

Philip Rotner

Regular meetings, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Public is welcome.

Dr. Carol Sager, , Superintendent of Schools 596-8800

Maureen Szymczak, Director of Special Services 596-8805

Michael Tarlow, Asst. Supt for Business 596-8802

The office of the Superintendent of Schools, located at 207 Forest Avenue, is open every weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

Steven O'Brien, Ed.D. High School 596-8830

Ronald Landman, Ed.D. Middle School 596-8820

Carolyn Murphy Clarke School 596-8812

Lois Longin Hadley School 596-8847

Kevin Cushman Machon School 596-8835

Pamela Angelakis Stanley School 596-8837

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the members of the Swampscott School Committee and the citizens of Swampscott: I take great pleasure and genuine pride in presenting the Annual Report to the Town of Swampscott.

Now that my tenure as Interim Superintendent of Schools is coming to an end, I would like to say that I am proud to have served the Town of Swampscott . This school system has a proud heritage of serving the town's most precious resource - the children of Swampscott. It is the mission of the Swampscott Public Schools to promote excellence by providing a viable and comprehensive instructional program pre-kindergarten through grade twelve leading to the attainment of knowledge, competencies, and skills which, upon completion, will enable each student to function as a maximally competent citizen, worker and self-fulfilling individual. I would like to thank all of those who helped to make my stay here a pleasant one. During these difficult financial times I know that the townspeople will continue their support of the school system. Dr. Carol Sager

### **PERSONNEL**

Listed below are the personnel changes that have taken place during the year 2004-2005. To those who have either resigned or retired, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for their outstanding years of dedicated service to the children of Swampscott and to wish them much success in their future endeavors.

#### **CENTRAL OFFICE:**

##### **Appointments:**

Dr. Carol Sager – Interim Superintendent of Schools

##### **Resignations:**

Dr. Brian C. Coughlin – Superintendent of Schools

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE:**

##### **New Hires:**

Dan Cahill – Project Manager

Michael Tarlow – Assistant Superintendent

##### **Transfers:**

Clare Gorman

##### **Resignations:**

Christine James

#### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

##### **New Appointments:**

Kerry Kleedorfer

Katherine Bosan

Amy Lesnever

Mark Schwartz

Kerrie McKinstry Beth Hurst Leaves of Absence: JoAnna Ganci Retirements: Mark Erhartic	Daniel Sargent Lisa Hayes  Lynda Polino	Lynda Polino Deborah McKie	Michelle Byron-Abrams Nancy Galugi
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>			
New Appointments Kathryn Barnes Carole Vernava Resignations: None Retirements: None Leaves of Absence: Gayle DaMore	Romaine Kwietek Elizabeth Powers   Colleen Wood-Bell	Lisa Rostoff Joseph Leblanc	
<b>CLARKE SCHOOL</b>			
New Appointments: Meaghan Settlemeyer Elaine White Nikki LeClerc Retirements: Mary Sartwell Transfers: Pamela Angelakis	Lorraine Goler Joanne Wheeler Tara White	Christine Hogan	
<b>HADLEY SCHOOL</b>			
New Appointments: Roberta Gordon Brenda Land Zorada Piepoli Danielle Parent Leaves of Absence: Rebecca Bucklin Resignations None Retirements: None Transfers: Lindsay Hodgson	Julie Higgins Caitlyn Bellante Leila Cooper	Julie Faulkner Jessica Curley Casey Ingram	Emily Korriku Sharon Gately Draga Djordjevic
<b>MACHON SCHOOL</b>			
New Appointments: Gina Addonizio Leaves of Absence: None Resignations: None Retirements: None Transfers: None	Tina Doherty		
<b>STANLEY SCHOOL</b>			
New Appointments: Susan Booras Nancy Hanlon Retirements: Germaine McManus Resignations: Celina Meilak Transfers: None Leaves of Absence: Elizabeth Gransbury Canice Thynne	Kerri Clarke Melissa York    James Montanari  Joanne Orenberg	Meredith Greco     Kelly Stephens	



## **INSTRUCTION**

Some of the highlights for 2004-2005 in each school are as follows:

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL GOALS**

- Work to ensure adequate funding for high school programs
- Continue to support the construction of the new high school

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

- School Behavior: Blue Card was reviewed.
- New Students: A new student orientation program was implemented
- Developed and implemented for a trial run a new master schedule designed to relieve overcrowding and increase time on task in the high school
- Explored the possibility of establishing a student community service requirement.

#### **CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

The faculty and students have decided in favor of scheduling four early release days next year for staff development

#### **STUDENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Drama Club productions included three one act plays and the spring production of "Merrily We Roll Along," Band and Chorus concerts were held. Wellness Day was conducted. Step-Up Day for eighth graders was held

#### **PARENT FORUM ACTIVITIES**

The PTF members held an After Prom in the school gym, two teacher appreciation brunches and a craft fair. They also played a crucial role in the campaign to secure a Proposition 2 ½ override vote.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### **Goals of School Council**

The School Council recognized the need to design a communication tool for parents; to participate in the revision of the grade nine transition year; to invest in the state-of-the-art instructional technology and training; and to recognize and respond to "bullying."

#### **Key Points of School Council Improvement Plan**

To bolster the Swampscott Middle School's commitment to the Mission Statement by recognizing and addressing the requests from the different constituencies in the school community. The first goal reflected this sincere commitment for improvement by focusing on communication between school and parent. An informational brochure was mailed, "Fridge Facts," to all parents. Parents now know the identities of the contact people involved with their children. The next goal was to ensure a more student-centered transition to high school for the incoming freshmen by revising the current grouping patterns at the high school. By decreasing the number of academic levels, the high school administration increased the opportunity for students to have time to reveal their academic progress and for placement in the higher level courses in subsequent years. The third goal recognized the importance to remain current with the educational options provided by technology. For example, the investment in Smart Boards supplied teachers with equipment that improved data bases and presentation. The fourth goal admitted the importance of securing a positive, comfortable school climate by focusing on the epidemic of "bullying" now occurring in schools across the nation. This concern generated constant emphasis on consideration and respect among students and on parental involvement. In summary, the Swampscott Middle School is a very viable institution that needs constant input from all community members to initiate the necessary response for securing a relevant, effective learning experience for all students. This year's goals respond to the significance of this responsibility.

#### **Curriculum and Staff Development Programs**

The substantial investment in technology continued to demand the majority of resources for staff development. This year's programs emphasized the MacOSX in the classroom, Imovie/iDVD for teachers and Mobile Lab Training. A K-8 assessment of the math program also occurred to confirm the validity of the scope and sequence of the curriculum. In addition, teachers attended professional workshops/classes in language arts, science, social studies, art, industrial technology, home economics and guidance. The accumulation of these opportunities continued to fill the need for professional development essential for contemporary education.



### Student Programs and Activities

The Swampscott Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic and intramural athletics, mathematics team, spelling bee, theater productions, chorus, band, student council, yearbook staff, peer leaders, school newspaper and annual Dodge Ball Tournament.

### PTO Activities

The Swampscott Middle School PTO enjoys a very substantial membership, but the actual working body is comparatively small. The executive board and a small group of parents continue to work energetically to raise funds and subsidize activities for students and faculty. Their efforts directly contribute to funding a variety of events and in making the Swampscott Middle School an attractive place to learn and teach by supporting assemblies, emergency phone systems, staff team building exercises, and many educational expenses not afforded in the budget.

### Acknowledgment for Teachers, Parents and "SUCCESS"

The Swampscott Middle School's professional faculty and staff continue to achieve a very high degree of success in educating and preparing early adolescents for the next level of academics. The cornerstone for this success is comprised of the support and encouragement from parents, teachers, and the "SUCCESS" organization for offering very generous grants. The confirmation for this success results from feedback from high schools, the students' motivation to be successful, and the conducive school climate.

## CLARKE SCHOOL

### Goals of School Council

The School Council devised a needs assessment survey to help with our School Improvement Plan. This was a collaborative effort among staff, school council, parents, students and the principal and reflects the needs of our school.

### Key Points in School Improvement Plan

To increase the percentage of grade 4 students scoring at proficiency or higher in English Language Arts, and Mathematics will increase. The school will participate in a bullying prevention program to supplement our lesson: Skills for Life Program. The school will participate in community service projects to foster good citizenship. The school staff will implement multi-sensory instruction through the use of interactive whiteboards and smart boards.

### Major Programs and Activities

Grade 3 students continue to implement recycling program. Kindergarten teachers held a Popsicles in the Park for incoming students and parents. Welcome Back assembly held on the first day of school. New staff and new children were introduced. The theme of "Team Together Everyone Achieves More" was discussed. Students participated in the after school Homework Club. Curriculum Night was held with explanations of curriculum and classroom procedures. Many field trips were held during the year. Grade 5 Leaders Club participated in the Toys for Local Children Drive. Lesson One: Skills for Life Program is part of the school culture. Emphasis has been placed on using self control to "Treat others the way you want to be treated. The school raised money for the Tsunami victims. Grade 4 and grade 5 students participated in the National Geography Bee. The open house, "Bring Your Family Back to School Night" was a display of children's accomplishments. Students participated in the Jump-a-Thon at SHS to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. The school was represented by Kiernan Hopkins at the Lynn Daily Item's spelling Bee. Participation in the DARE Program continued. An informative Kindergarten Orientation and Visitation day was held. Grade 5 students participated in a Student/Staff Switch Day. The elementary band performed at their yearly concert. Grade 5 students presented a "Moving On" program for parents and grade 4 students. The Extended Day After School and Early Morning Programs continue to grow. Kindergarten classes and third, fourth and fifth grade classes collaborated with the primary grades to form "Learning Buddies" for math and reading. The school chorus visited the Senior Center to perform music selections. The Clarke School tradition of an All School Farewell Assembly was held on the last day of school.

### PTA Sponsored Activities

Activities sponsored included: Halloween Party, gift wrap fund raiser, cultural program "Skip Wiley's Native American Perspectives was held," Clarke School Book Fair, The Annual Thanksgiving Feast, participation in the Swampscott Holiday Parade. Other activities sponsored included: Grade 4 attended North Shore Music Theater, Cultural Arts program "Art Quest", Annual Holiday Fair, fund raiser called Dining for Dollars, Historical Perspectives on Amelia Earhart, hands-on workshops in science were sponsored, poetry workshops were held. The PTA also sponsored: the Cow Plop Country Fair which

raised money, field trips, keyboarding classes were funded, a Golf Clinic was held, after school classes and activities were sponsored, a PTA Scholarship for a graduating senior was given, Annual Luau Day Picnic was held, participation in 7/4/05 parade.

#### Curriculum and Staff Development Programs

Elementary staff participated in our Early Release Day Program for Staff Development. This provided support to teachers as they implement the new Scott Foresman Reading Series. Kindergarten teachers received follow-up training with their Wilson based reading program, "Foundations." The Clarke librarian provided building based staff development. Art specialists visited the Peabody Essex Museum to study Three Centuries of Salem. Staff members attended summer technology courses. Training was held in the Wilson Reading Program. Ms. Murphy attended the MESPA Fall conference. Workshops were held for Preschool to Kindergarten transition. Grade 3 teachers participated in the Seeing Math: Broken Calculator Course. The ESL tutor provided DOE mandated training regarding the administration of the MELA-O test. Our librarian/media specialist has been a technology instructor for our Professional Development Program taught after school and at the annual summer Courses during the 04-05 session. A second grade teacher sponsored a SHS student for an internship for her Child Development course. The Elementary Math curriculum K-5 revision study group continued its work. Resource teachers were trained to administer the WIAT achievement test. Teachers participated in one or more of the SPS summer courses in 6/04. Courses included: PowerPoint Basics, Inclusion, How Does It Work?, Stress Management for Educators, Teaching and Learning with the Grain in Mind, Creating Webquests, the Wilson Program "Foundations" for kindergarten teachers, and Demystifying Psychological Assessment and Linking it to the Classroom. Ms. Murphy coordinated the SPS Mentor Program wherein mentors worked with second year teachers. A New Teachers Orientation Day was held in 8/04. The Clarke School nurse participated in the SDPS Professional Development Program. The Clarke/Stanley School guidance counselor and Machon/Hadley adjustment counselor ran a SUCCESS sponsored program for a parent study group S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting.)

#### HADLEY SCHOOL

#### Goals of School Council

To provide a range of perspectives on challenges facing the schools as well as advise and collaborate with the principal in developing and implementing the School Improvement Plan.

#### School Improvement Plan

##### Goals:

- To provide for student wellness by enhancing current curriculum with increased integration of art, music and physical education
- To build and/or strengthen alliances between the Hadley School Community and the community at large and outside agencies
- To address children's learning styles and developmental needs through a variety of teaching techniques, and provide children with the opportunity to reach their highest level of achievement
- To maintain and repair the facility and enhance the appearance of the Hadley School to reflect an atmosphere that is conducive to excellence in learning.

#### Curriculum and Staff Development Programs

- School based – Foundations, Hadley Writing Program
- Writing across the content area – emphasis in Math
- Study Group aligning state Language Arts Frameworks with Swampscott Public Schools curriculum
- School based – School Climate Committee
- Grade Level meetings to discuss grade level issues
- Implementation of Guided reading – fiction and non-fiction Scholastic series
- Monthly Character Value Adoption
- Hadley Shine
- Design paradigm for "Positive Learning Environment"

#### Student Programs and Activities

Student Council, Chorus, "Code of Behavior," Olmstead Area Historic Walking Tour, Curriculum Night, Brain Injury Program, Harvest Festival, Book Fair, Save the Children, D.A.R.E., Basketball, Recycling, Reading Buddies, K-Door Greeters, Grade Level Community Service, School Store, Halloween Parade, Enrichment Classes, Heritage Week, Numerous field trips, Literacy Celebration, Grade Level



Student Performances, Donations to Council on Aging, Troop's Overseas, Hadley Science Fair, Geography Bee, Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee, 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration, Fun Field day, Clean-Up – Fall and Spring, Hadley Staff Calendar, Tsunami Relief Fund, Variety of other Student Council activities, Jump Rope for Cystic Fibrosis, Hadley Shine Committee, Decorations Committee, T.L.C.

#### P.T.A. Activities

Kindergarten Picnic, Halloween Haunt, Book Fair, Holiday Fair, Magazine Drive, Wrapping Paper Drive, Yearbook, P.T.A., After School Programs, Teacher Wish List, Playground Fund, Volunteer Program, Hadley Gardening Club, Spring Clean-Up, Spring Arts Festival, Phone Pals, A+ America, Box Tops for Education, Hadley Shine Committee, S.A.I.L., Continental Math League, Hadley Herald, End of the Year Activities

#### Enrichment

Bay Colony Educators, Native American Perspectives, Art Quest, Arabic Music, Dance and Culture, Painting with Words – Poetry Residency Reading the Clouds, Family ties, Symphony by the Sea, Martha Dana Puppeteer, Water Watch Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Quarry and Iron Works, Audubon, Nahant Marine Biological Center, Addison Museum of American Art, and Discovery Museum.

### MACHON SCHOOL

#### Curriculum and Program Highlights

The reading and writing curriculum continues to be a major curricular focus at Machon. All teachers have met repeatedly to hear how colleagues approach the acquisition of reading skills within their classrooms. Due to this dialog, teachers are now sharing more in terms of their pedagogical philosophies, teaching strategies and materials. Staff have rewritten the reading scope and sequence to more adequately meet our school's target of skills acquisition. Staff have also codified the manner in which higher order questioning techniques are applied to all curricula. This effort has promoted a school-wide initiative towards improved reading scores and practical, everyday usage. Additionally, specific reading services begin in the classroom with teacher directed group lessons specifically tailored to meet individual skill acquisition. All elementary staff have received training in the "Project Read" methodology. This has positively impacted phonemic awareness and skill acquisition. Some support staff services have been reviewed and re-coordinated to better meet the needs of those children who display reading skills acquisition challenges. In all these cases, actual hours of services to these children have increased, while both the amount of time out of the classroom and interventions with different support staff have decreased. The staff will continue to look at materials that will enhance decoding, encoding, and comprehension skills as well as enhance a continuity of the instructional continuum beyond the primary grades. In the writing domain, staff continues to employ graphic organizers in an attempt to assist children with the organization of their writing. Systemic use of the writing rubrics has also improved writing throughout the school. As a result of these efforts, Machon School has been selected as a Massachusetts Compass School.

Mathematics represents the staff's latest challenge. This year the Machon staff began an exploration into cognitive dissonance through the use of mathematic manipulatives. After purchasing each teacher a complete set of the ETA Cuisenaire manipulative books, the staff began exploring opportunities to implement the strategy into their lessons. Through the generosity of the Machon School PTA and a SUCCESS grant, each teacher received a class set of manipulatives. These included overhead materials and calculators as well as snap cubes, tanagrams, base ten materials, dice, snap cubes, and geoboards. During both staff meetings and early release days, staff presented sample lessons to colleagues and then asked colleagues to adapt them to specific grade levels. This powerful collegial strategy engendered a codified collection of activities for staff to employ with their classes. In March, Dr. Chet Delani came to Machon for a full day of professional development. So powerful was the day that the district has determined to retain Dr. Delani for the district's early release program next year for all elementary staff.

Teachers have also decided to utilize a "maintenance" approach to daily mathematics homework so as to avoid the all too common, "We never learned that," response often heard months after a specific skill was taught. Each teacher also incorporates a "math minute fact test" drill each day. It is our hope that this mechanism coupled with math fact review at home will assist students with the fact families.

This year the Machon School has begun exploration of the use of SmartBoard technology. This interactive tool provides teachers and students with a powerful mechanism to teach whole class concepts

and lessons. Machon teachers have received tutorials on the technology and have begun employing its

use in the classroom and computer lab.

2004-2005 Theme: "CHARACTER MEANS DOING WHAT'S RIGHT WHEN NOONE IS LOOKING"

#### School Council Goals

This year the School Council has focused on keeping the school open. Last year Machon students were forced to attend other schools. The Council is concerned that this trend may continue and will endeavor to ensure their presence at school committee meetings.

The Council has also been focused on both the Compass School designation by the DOE as well as trying to keep constituencies informed about the high school building project located on the Machon School playground.

Key Points of School Improvement Plan The Machon School Improvement Plan focuses on seven primary goals: CURRICULAR: Reading instruction (review and adapt current Reading instruction to better meet the needs of Machon students. Expand reading instruction time. Codify the use of critical thinking questioning techniques. Improve writing components. Share writing scoring among staff. MCAS improvement. Mathematics: (cognitive dissonance concept through the use of manipulative activities. GENERAL: Improve/enhance community involvement at Machon.

#### Curriculum and Staff Development:

Reading instruction is addressed both through faculty meetings and ongoing discussions. Beginning in the summer, staff met to review reading instruction. Identifying multiple tenets, the staff developed a timeline to address each one. Using early release days, staff identified what they loved about their reading instruction and what needed improvement. As a staff, we then identified alternatives for current practices.

Machon staff participated in many professional development opportunities offered by the system. Staff are also attending commercial conferences on a host of topics ranging from dealing with difficult students to the use of graphic organizers throughout the curricula. mentioned earlier, Machon staff will attempt to familiarize them with Network administrator, a computer lab management software. All staff will also participate in discipline/restraint training. Additionally, the priority for professional development this year has been the exploration of cognitive dissonance through the use of math manipulative activities.

#### Student Programs and Activities

The Machon Student Council is an enthusiastic group of involved students. Thus far the SCA has hosted two bake sales and is working on a school-wide time capsule. Machon children and staff communicate student progress and classroom initiatives with the monthly newsletter, "The Machon Messenger." Many Machon students participated in a summer long Reading Olympics. Collectively, students read almost two thousand hours and raised more than \$2000 for the school. Due to their efforts the school received a 27" tv monitor, a VCR, a t.v. cart and a computer. This year's SCA decided to implement a scholarship for a deserving high school senior who attended Machon as a child. Candidates were asked to write an essay on "How Machon School helped me become a better citizen."

#### PTA Activities

The Machon PTA is an active and supportive arm of the school. This year the PTA offers many enrichment programs to students. The Machon PTA has increased their allotments for cultural/enrichment programs three-fold. A total of \$4000 will be earmarked for these programs. The PTA holds computer classes, art classes, dance classes, a basketball program, "pizza and movie nights," book fairs, gift wrap sales and a gift of \$100 to each class to help defer the cost of field trips.

### STANLEY SCHOOL

#### Stanley School Council

The Stanley School Council was comprised of six members who assessed needs of the school community to establish a plan of action for school improvement. The Council developed a needs assessment and a plan for school improvement for 04-05. Goals included: To address the needs of students by varying instructional strategies, so that they may achieve their fullest potential. To provide resources and support to parents. To upgrade and maintain the Stanley School by maximizing the usable space in a facility that is a safe, clean and pleasant learning environment. To organize activities to shape and support the Stanley School culture.

#### School Theme

Learning and Caring Count at Stanley continues to be our theme. Students are involved in community service activities and fundraising efforts including the following: St. Jude Hospital Math-A-Thon raised \$4841. Cystic Fibrosis – raised \$1000. Jimmy Fund – raised \$150. Food Pantry – donated



proceeds to a local food pantry. Tsunami Relief – raised \$1055. Toys for Local Children – raised \$1437. Hoops for Heart – raised \$4,247.10.

#### Grade 5 Leaders' Club

Grade 5 leaders are role models who demonstrate leadership and service while developing personal attributes. Leaders assume various responsibilities over the year. Leaders met weekly to develop leadership skills, responsible behavior and exemplify the belief that Taking One Small Action Can Make a Difference. The club raised \$200 in a raffle and donated Stop & Shop gift cards to the Senior Center's Holiday Party. They organize and run a successful recycling program. Grade 5 students organized an Earth Day Week to heighten student and family awareness of environmental issues. Grade 5 students walk to the Swampscott Cemetery every May and place flags on veteran's graves. Mr. Schultz worked with us again to maintain this Stanley School Memorial Day tradition. Grade 5 students willingly give up their recess for one week at a time and work in the office assisting Mrs. Carol with mail distribution, copying, counting and delivering notices.

#### Programs that Enhance Our School

- **S P I R I T.** Stanley Parents Inspire, Reinforce, Teach. This program organizes parent volunteers for various activities. The parents run before school programs, assist in the Library and assist in the classroom. The SPIRIT squad has been an enhancement to our school program.
- **Global Child.** We continue to run the after school foreign language program sponsored by the PTA. Students in K-3 participate in the program
- **Homework Club.** Many students have enrolled in our Homework Club. This program runs after school for 45 minute sessions throughout the entire year

#### Before School Programs (run by SPIRIT volunteers)

- **Continental Math League (Gr 2-5).** Meets one morning a week. Parent volunteer coaches run the sessions in addition to teachers and the interim principal. This year over 80 students participated.
- **Newspaper & Literary Clubs (gr 3-5).** These clubs meet each Friday morning. Parent volunteers coordinate and guide these clubs. The "Stanley Chronicle" newspaper is written and edited by Stanley students. Several issues of the literary magazine were published through the year.

#### Technology

- Work continues to enhance our computer lab and to provide technological resources within the classroom setting.
- The PTA allowed us to purchase 2 LCD projectors for classroom use and 10 iBook laptop computers to add to our mobile computer cart. This was over \$13,000 in PTA funds
- The interim principal applied for and received a Hardscrabble Grant. This money will be used to help automate the Stanley Library.

#### Curriculum and Staff Development Programs

- Teachers continue to be involved in professional development activities.
- Early release days focus on professional development in the area of our new Scott Foresmann reading series
- Stanley School staff members have taken advantage of all professional development opportunities offered through our schools and they are encouraged to participate in workshops and conferences held out of district
- Teachers continue to be involved in training in the area of assessment, the writing process and utilization of technology to enhance instruction

#### Students Programs and Activities

Some of the programs and activities included: Curriculum Night, Bring Your Parents Back to School Night and Book Fair, Veterans' Day Program, Holiday Chorus Performance at Faneuil Hall, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, DARE graduation, Arbor Day celebration, Earth Day celebration Battle of the Books, K play, Grade 1 play, Grade 2 play, Kindergarten Visitation Day, Field trips, Music Department concerts, Grade 3 Photography Exhibit.

#### Grade 5 Leaders' Club Activities

These activities included: Flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, Recycling Program, TLC Fundraising, Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Open House Greeters/Bake Sale, Tsunami Relief Fund Raiser, Swampscott Senior Citizen Fund Raiser, Earth Day Celebration

### PTA Activities

These included: Talent Show, book Fair, Holiday Fair, Yard Sale, Grounds Beautification Program, Movie Night, Fun and Field Day, After School Enrichment Programs, Fitness Walk

### PTA Cultural Arts Enrichment Programs

There were programs in the areas of Native American Perspectives, Art History, Historical Perspectives, Science, Music, Physical Education, Social Studies and Enrichment.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Department of Special Services provides ancillary and support services to the students within the Swampscott Public Schools. These include special education, screening, and English as a second language services.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The majority of special needs students receive their instruction in their mainstream general education program, accompanied by support services within the regular classroom through the use of aides and services. Frequently, special educators and instructional aides provide direct support services in the regular education classroom. Other students have their needs met through accommodations and modifications of the general curriculum and/or environment. Others attend a resource room available in all schools. There students receive direct and specialized instruction in a special education setting. This includes specialized reading, language arts, and/or math instruction, organizational support, study skills, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and other needed support services.

Swampscott also has several Learning Center Programs. These are programs located from the elementary through the high school levels that meet the identified needs of students who require a more substantive amount of their instruction within a special education setting. Students are mainstreamed as appropriate for identified academics as well as for art, music, p.e., library and computer services based upon their IEP's.

Two Communication and Social skills programs at the Hadley and Stanley Schools are designed to serve students with autism spectrum disorders. Support services with an elementary inclusion specialist and consultation with a psychologist through The Academy have enabled the system to retain students within the district. A secondary inclusion specialist works to support students with autism spectrum disorders at the middle school and the high school.

### **New Program**

The Life Skills class at the high school provides supports to students and to expand vocational opportunities. A new component program, the Institute for Vocational Training of Young Adults supports eligible students in gaining skills through direct internships. Students within the Life Skills class receive functional academics, vocational training and experiences and practical life skills education. Students are mainstreamed into academic classes and electives as appropriate.

SHS continues to expand the availability of co-taught courses with special education teachers and mainstream teachers. Each special education teacher assigned to Resource Rooms also co-teaches a core subject. There are also three ESP's at the high school assigned to mainstream English, Math, Social Studies and Science classes where additional student support is needed.

### **New Classroom**

The school system supports three Integrated Preschool programs. This program provides direct support services to special education students aged three to five. Typical peers are welcomed into the integrated preschool program as well.

Thirty-six students or 1 per cent of the total school population are educated in programs outside of Swampscott as the nature of their special needs warrants more specialized programming. Many of these students are children with multiple handicaps, serious emotional/behavioral disabilities, brain injury and severe autism.

Swampscott is keeping pace with the state and national trend of serving more students with more significant disabilities. Programs have been developed here which have resulted in the ability of the district to maintain three hundred and seventy-five special education students in our schools. Out of that number over seventy students, who require significant support, have been able to be educated within our district. Due to the support of the School Committee and Town these students have programs within the district and, as a result, do not need to be educated in out-of-district programs.



### Federal and State Regulatory Change

Changes have occurred on the national and state levels. At the federal level, I.D.E.A. of 230054 has been reauthorized and will go into effect on 7/1/05. As a result there will be some changes that will add further definition and eligibility criteria to the regulations. The MA Special Education regulations have been reauthorized as well. This was done in response to federal special education requirements and standards that changed in 1997 and in 2004.

Teachers and administrators in Swampscott are supportive of the inclusion of children with special needs in the schools and the classrooms. Many general education, special education teachers, and education support professionals have accessed training opportunities to enhance their skills in working with a diverse population of students.

### Grants

The special education department applied for and received three grant allocations to support efforts on behalf of special needs students in Swampscott. These grant allocations are for the sole purpose of supplementing the local budget, not supplanting it. The grants include the following: Early Childhood special Education Allocation Grant - \$18,393; IDEA - \$454,807; SPED Program Development - \$12,672.

### English as a Second Language

This program is required in the public schools for students whose native language is other than English and who do not yet demonstrate English language proficiency. In 2004 bi-lingual education was eliminated as part of the new requirements. The Sheltered English Immersion is the approved service to be provided to students whose native language is other than English. The English Language Learners tutorial program is available to eligible students and gives direct instruction in the areas of oral and written language. These students are placed within the regular education program but receive necessary modifications in instruction. This is essentially sheltered English immersion.

### Screening

This is required by law for all children entering kindergarten. This is a brief assessment of developmental skills whose purpose is to identify the possible presence of special needs. Areas screened include articulation, language, auditory perception, visual perception, vision and hearing acuity, fine motor, gross motor and visual motor. Students who do not perform well may be referred for a special education evaluation. One hundred and forty-four children were screened for kindergarten in 2005.

According to special education laws, early childhood screening is available to three and four year old children whose parents suspect the presence of a special need.

### **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

The Guidance Department at SHS consists of three guidance counselors, one adjustment counselor and one secretary. The department was augmented by two guidance interns. The staff serves over 800 students. A month by month breakdown of the Guidance Department is as follows:

**AUGUST:** Register and schedule new students. Resolve schedule conflicts. Participate in freshman orientation. Review summer school final grades for placement of students.

**SEPTEMBER:** Continue to resolve schedule conflicts. Counsel students. Distribute 504 Accommodation Plans; coordinate and chair 504 meetings with parents/teachers. Begin college application process. Write letters of recommendation. Schedule approximately 50 college admissions representatives for in-school visits. Annual update of Program of Studies – guidance portion. Update and order high school profiles. Complete application and write recommendation for National Merit Scholarship nominee.

**OCTOBER:** Coordinate and administer October SAT's. Coordinate registration for PSAT. Process early action and early admission college applications. Continue to meet with seniors and parents re college application process. Write letters of recommendation.

**NOVEMBER:** Process college applications. Coordinate and administer SAT's. Coordinate and administer MCAS Retest. Process college application.

**DECEMBER:** ASVAB Career Exploration Test. Freshman Experience. Process college applications with January deadline.

**JANUARY:** Financial Aid Seminar. Continue to meet and counsel students re college application process. Process college applications.

**FEBRUARY:** Junior Parent Night – The College Application Process. Junior Guidance Seminars with the department. College application process continues.

**MARCH:** MCAS Retest. Administer. Begin course selection process. College counseling.

APRIL: Invitations mailed to 400 colleges for College Fair. MCAS ELA (Long Composition). Enter course selections into computer. College counseling. Serve on Scholarship Committee.

MAY: Coordinate and administer SAT's. Administer AP Exams. Coordinate teacher schedules for MCAS. MCAS make-up for ELA. MCAS English and Math – coordinate and help administer. MCAS Pilot testing for U.S. History, Science and Technology. MCAS make-up. Complete MCAS testing verification forms. Junior Class college counseling. Letters to families of students in danger of failing.

JUNE: Coordinate and administer SAT's. College counseling. Review student credits and advise re necessity for summer school. Complete annual renewable roster for students with disabilities who are receiving accommodations. Coordinate plans for graduating seniors. Inform them regarding final transcripts and disposal of student records.

ONGOING MEETINGS: Weekly student support meetings. Special education team meetings. Crisis Response Team meetings. Parent/teacher conferences.

### **HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, NURSE**

The Big Blue Athletic Department continues to coordinate 20 male and female varsity athletic teams as well as 18 male and female sub-varsity and freshmen teams at the high school this year. The department maintained the combined Swampscott/Marblehead wrestling teams and gymnastic team. The Girls' Club Lacrosse Team was upgraded to a varsity program. Team accomplishments included Northeast Conference Championships in cross country, soccer, and football cheerleaders. Ten varsity athletic teams qualified for state tournament play. Two of our athletes were named Northeast Conference Most Valuable Players of the Year. The highlight of the season was the Girls' Basketball team winning the Division III Championship and playing in the Fleet Center for the Eastern MA Division III title.

Middle School athletic programs continued including co-ed soccer, cross country, boys' and girls' track and basketball as well as field hockey, ice hockey and softball.

Three coaches were named Coach of the Year in Boys' Cross Country, Boys' Soccer and Boys' tennis.

The Athletic Department wants to thank the DPW for their work preparing our fields for practices and games. Programs could not be conducted without the help of the DPW.

The PE and Health Department continues its mission to provide a comprehensive program to all Pre-K – 12 students. This year the nursing staff was added to our department giving our staff increased input in developing a system-wide wellness policy. Our staff advocates for quality physical education and health programs at all levels that meet the standards established by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education as well as the Massachusetts Comprehensive PE/Health Frameworks. We were able to maintain our system-wide staffing helping to accomplish our goals for this year.

We continue to update our pe/health/project adventure curriculum to meet the changing needs and interests of our students and to support the development of healthy attitudes toward their physical, social, emotional and mental wellness.

Our staff has committed to the area of assessment through our fitness testing program in the Fall and Spring. Our scores and results are now computerized which allows our data on each student to be sent home to parents.

### **SWAMPSCOTT BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT**

Ongoing projects continue throughout all of our schools in order to maintain the physical plant. These include roof repairs, painting, upgrading electrical work, and cleanliness of the buildings. A ceiling collapse at the Machon School was handled in a most professional manner. "Down time" for use of the facility was kept to a minimum and there was no disruption in the learning process. In spite of an aging infrastructure, our staff works diligently to ensure that the children of Swampscott have a pleasant and safe learning environment.

spectfully submitted

Carol Sager, Superintendent of Schools 6/05



DATE 10/1/04

ENROLLMENT  
SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	K	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
CLARKE	19/17	19/19	21/23	20/20	18/17	20/19	232
HADLEY	24/25	19/20	20/20	19/20/19	18/17/17	16/18/16	288
Metco					(1)		
MACHON	15/18	24	17	20/18	15/15	20/20	182
STANLEY	22/20/22	16/16/16	20/21/22	22/22	18/19/20	20/20	316
Metco		(1)			(1)	(1)	
TOTAL	182	149	164	180	174	169	1018

MIDDLE SCH	SWAMPSCOTT	NAHANT	METCO	TUITION	TOTAL
GRADE 6	135		2		137
GRADE 7	181	35	2		218
GRADE 8	174	24	3		201
TOTAL	490	59	7		556
HIGH SCHOOL	SWAMPSCOTT	NAHANT	METCO	TUITION	TOTAL
GRADE 9	200	30	3		233
GRADE 10	177	27	9		213
GRADE 11	143	38	6		187
GRADE 12	135	30	2		167
TOTAL	655	125	20		800

ENROLLMENT: HS 800\_ MIDDLE SCH 556 ELEM 1018\_ SYSTEM TOTAL 2374  
(Elementary METCO #'s not added separately...already in total. Separated for information purposes.)

## **TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

Fiscal 2005 was an exciting year for the Technology Department. The most dramatic change was the use of radio read meters as part of the water meter replacement program. Working with the Superintendent of Public Works, Gino Cresta, we were fully trained on the use and functions of the new radio read system. We are now able to read the town and upload files directly into our MUNIS Financial Software and water/sewer billings that used to take months can now be completed within two weeks.

WiFi internet access for the areas surrounding Town Hall, including Burrill Street was explored. This will serve as a testing ground for a system that may someday cover all of Swampscott to serve our various departments. We provided training to our employees to help develop better computer skills and help with the adjustment to newer software. The effort to upgrade and consolidate our existing server infrastructure got underway. Migrating onto more powerful systems will not only give us the opportunity to work in more intensive software environments but also keep our reliability at 99% uptime. We began the migration to LCD monitors for Police and Fire, which will further reduce power consumption and provide better work environments.

In Town Hall, we began the process of updating all desktop computers to a uniform platform. Older machines running Windows 98 were upgraded or replaced to increase efficiency. And older monitors were replaced with LCD monitors.

A new cable contract was negotiated and put into place. As part of the negotiations, the cable access channel and equipment were evaluated. In the upcoming fiscal year, the equipment will be moved and replaced with updated technology. This will be a great improvement for the residents of Swampscott. We will be able to show more live meetings and we will have a more dependable message broadcasting system.

In the upcoming fiscal year, we will look to continue the replacement and upgrade processes we have put into place. We will also begin looking for ways to improve functionality through the use of the Town's website, improve communication with the residents, and find ways to facilitate interaction and daily business with Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted  
Denise M. Dembkoski  
Treasurer/Collector  
(on behalf of the Technology Department)

## OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Office of Veterans' Services was established and is mandated by the Massachusetts Legislature under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. This office was established to provide any and all assistance to veterans and their families and to assure that they receive all benefits that they may be entitled to, either through the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, the United States Veterans Administration, the Social Security Administration and any other Governmental agency or private organization designed to provide assistance to our veterans. All financial aid disbursements from this office to needy veterans and their families is eligible for a 75% reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts providing the proper monthly application for reimbursement has been made in a timely manner. Since taking this post in September of 1993 I have aggressively pursued reimbursement of the funds to which we are entitled to receive and we currently stand at 100%. Previously only veterans who served during a time of war were eligible to receive Chapter 115 benefits, this year the Massachusetts Legislature passed a bill eliminating the "wartime service" requirements, this allows all veterans regardless of dates of service to be eligible for these benefits. With a vast majority of our active duty, reserve and national guardsmen and women serving on active duty overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom, we expect to see a rise in the numbers of veterans seeking assistance. Currently one of the most sought after benefits is for Military Honors to be rendered at a veteran's funeral. We are losing an average of over 1,000 veterans a day in the United States, the local funeral homes are well prepared for this request, however, should a problem arise many families seek assistance from this office to ensure their loved one receives the proper "Honors" to which they are entitled.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Affairs Committee was formed as a vehicle to keep the veteran and their deeds to preserve our freedoms at a heightened state of awareness. To achieve this goal, the committee has held numerous Armed Forces Day parades with many notable participants including The 2nd Marine Division Band, General John J. Sheehan, Supreme Allied Commander of NATO Atlantic forces, General Butch Neal, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Medal of Honor recipient Mr. Raymond Clausen, Retired General and Swampscott native Paul Gorman, to name a few. Swampscott has been visited by two naval ships over the past few years as well as numerous military vehicles and aircraft, this is all done through the Veterans Affairs Committee and made possible by the generous donations of the residents of Swampscott. Some committee members worked closely with the veterans service officer to complete the fund raising necessary to replace the Vietnam Veterans Monument which we all know was destroyed by a hit and run motor vehicle. The Committee is made up of representatives from the Swampscott Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Swampscott American Legion and the North Shore Detachment of the Marine Corps League all of which are located in Swampscott.

## MEMORIAL DAY

As has been the tradition for the past several years, the Principal of the Stanley School, Ms. Carla Guarneri and several of the 5th grade teachers brought volunteers from Stanley School two weeks prior to Memorial Day to place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans at Swampscott Cemetery. Also assisting with this task is the local troop of Boy Scouts, and volunteers from the various Veteran organizations here in town, overseeing this task was the former superintendent of the Swampscott Cemetery, Mr. John DiPietro. The groups, along with several other volunteers placed well over 1,000 flags. Their desire to "remember" our veterans in this truly special way is heart warming and greatly appreciated.

## VETERANS DAY

On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m. the traditional observance of Veterans Day begins. Color Guards representing the Swampscott Police Department, the Swampscott Fire

Department, the Swampscott VFW, American Legion and the Marine Corps League march into place at Thompson Circle on Monument Avenue. Following the service, a rifle salute is fired, followed by taps with a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace concluding the ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Jim Schultz  
Veterans Service Officer



## SWAMPSCOTT WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Trustees

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### General Information

A \$10,000 scholarship fund was established by vote of Town Meeting on March 28, 1950 as a perpetual memorial to those who served in the Military Service defending our freedom. The first scholarship was awarded in 1951 for \$250. In 1964, the Town Meeting appropriated an additional \$10,000. Since that time, gifts have been received from numerous individuals and organizations in memory of loved relatives and friends. To date 275 Swampscott High School students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$104,450.

### Changes In Distribution of Funds

Beginning with the class of 2005, the distribution of the War Memorial Scholarship amounts will be divided as follows: \$1,200, (the Ernest Manchin Memorial Scholarship), \$1,000, \$800, \$700, and \$700. The previous distribution was \$1,000, \$1,000, \$700, \$700, and \$500. The total of \$4,400 remains the same, but there are five awardees instead of six.

At the May 11, 2005 meeting of the Trustees, the following officers were elected for the 2006 fiscal year: Duncan Matiland and Joe Balsama - Co-Chairmen, and Jean Reardon- Secretary.

### Details of changes in the fund balance

Balance as of 7/1/04	\$121,789.56
Donations (7/1/04- 6/30/05)	\$ 912.50
Interest (7/04-6/30/05)	\$ 1,502.03
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TOTAL	\$124,204.09
Scholarships awarded July 1, 2004	\$4,400.00
Balance June 30, 2005	\$119,804.09

Six Scholarships Totaling \$4,400 were awarded in July 2004 as follows:

\$1000	(Ernest Manchin Memorial Scholarship) Michael Kane	Boston College
\$1000	Richard E. Schwartz	Harvard University
\$700	Tatyana Rozenberg	Cornell University
\$700	Rebecca Nadine Gill	Gaucher College
\$500	Ashley Doucette	Syracuse University
\$500	Alexander J. Tennant	Harvard University

The trustees wish to thank everyone, who made donations to the Swampscott War Memorial Scholarship Fund. Through your generosity, we are able to build up equity in the fund, thereby providing the opportunity for additional income from which the awards are granted. Each year a few Swampscott High School graduates, who continue on to higher education, will receive some financial assistance.

**HONOR ROLL OF CURRENT DONORS (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Balsama, Sylvia Drais, Natalie Leuzzi. Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Losano, Mary Lutz, Joseph Pinto, The Pinto Insurance Agency Staff, Josephine Redford, Jean Sweeney, Mary Sweeney, and Wayfarers Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

**From July 1, 2004 To June 30, 2005, Donations Were Made In Memory Of:**

Warren A. Briggs, Lorne C. Davis, Ann K. Gaffney, Alfred A. Hannoosh, Robert P. Lewis, J. Richard Maitland, Ernest Manchin, Mary Manchin, Peter Manos, Constance Lunt McCarty, Dominic J. Petto, Melvin Redford, Arthur H. Reynolds, Joseph D. Russo, Phil Santoliquido, Robert E. Schoolcraft, Alice Sullivan, and Kenneth R. Wheeler.

**From July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005, Donations Were Made By The Wayfarers Lodge, A.F. & A.M. In Memory Of:**

Warren A. Briggs, Lorne C. Davis, J. Richard Maitland, Arthur H. Reynolds, and Kenneith R. Wheeler.

## SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

On behalf of the citizens of Swampscott, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator would like to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the many wonderful employees for their dedication and commitment in providing quality services to the Town, to wish those who have retired well in their future endeavors and to offer sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who have passed. The Board and the Town Administrator would also like to express gratitude to those who have served and those who continue to serve on the various boards, committees and commissions. The Board and the Town Administrator recognize the time and effort that is given to Town service and wish to thank you for your knowledge, support and interest in the Town.

<b>Town Retirements</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>	<b>Department</b>
Edward Johansen	07/29/04	Fire Department
Stephen Stanley	09/21/04	Public Works
John Hoffman	11/05/04	Police Department
Laurence J. Galante	01/02/05	Fire Department
Thomas Scanlon	03/21/05	Public Works

Employees who retired under the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRB) are contained within the School Department report.

### In Memoriam

<b>Deceased Town Retirees</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Department</b>
J. Richard Maitland	09/05/04	Fire Department
Ralph Fuller	11/14/04	Public Works
Catherine O'Shea	01/11/05	Crossing Guard
Barbara Bickford	03/06/05	Treasurer's Office
Mary White	11/02/05	School Teacher









